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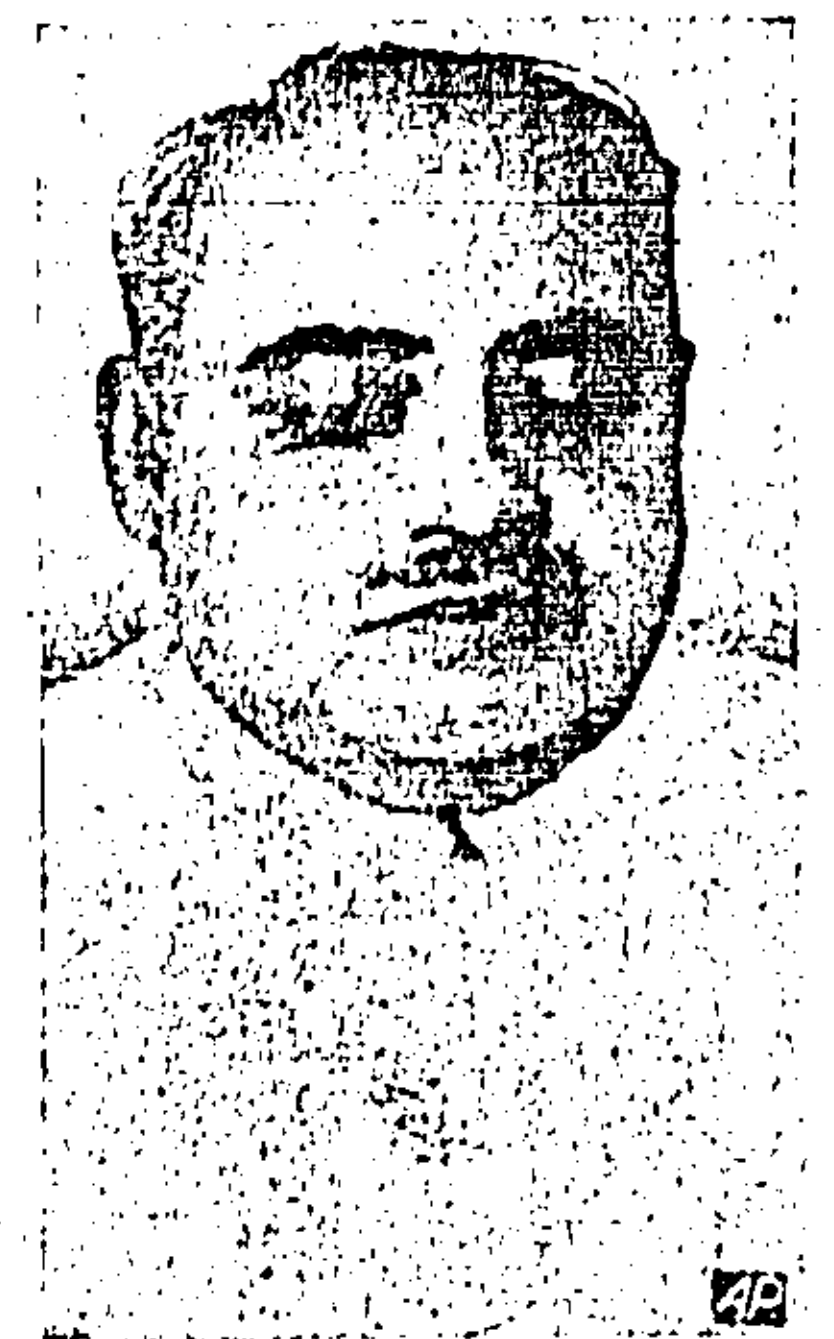
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New Pakistan Leader



K. W. A. Nazimuddin (above), former premier of Bengal, has been appointed acting governor-general of Pakistan. — AP Picture.

Marshall & Bevin Meet

Paris, Sept. 24.—U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and their envoys to Soviet Russia conferred for an hour today, official British sources said.

The presence of the envoys indicated the Berlin crisis was discussed. The informants offered no explanation why the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman was not present. However, an aide to Mr. Bevin said the British Minister would meet France's Minister of National Defence, M. Paul Ramadier, within a few days.

British sources said the Bevin-Ramadier meeting would be directly connected with the Four Power differences. They said Mr. Bevin intended to inform Ramadier of Britain's rearmament programme. The inference here was that Mr. Bevin would seek to convince Mr. Ramadier there was need for France to undertake similar measures.—Associated Press.

HEARTBREAK STORY

London, Sept. 24.—Miss Elizabeth Dwyer arrived in food-short England from Nairobi with a precious package.

She had flown nearly 5,000 miles holding it carefully on her lap. In Buckingham Palace Road she dropped it—and a double-decker bus squelched over a pound of butter, a pound of tea, a pineapple and a dozen eggs.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Inconsiderate Conductors

THE public transport problem, notably on the island, has become something more than a shortage of buses. Temporarily there is a dearth of public conveyances because the taxi companies have withdrawn their cars from the roads in retaliation of a partial strike by some of the drivers; and now comes complaints of boorish behaviour by China Motor Bus Company conductors. The public can appreciate that in these days of short supply in goods and services it is not an easy matter to bring a bus fleet up to required strength to meet the demand by travellers. It can also understand that disputes between taxi companies and their employees are to be expected from time to time, and with reasonable cheerfulness it can put up with the inconvenience of non-existent taxis until what time the disputes are settled. But it cannot, neither should it be expected to tolerate incivility and denial of consideration for passengers on the part of bus conductors and drivers. Bus companies, with their monopolistic franchise, owe to the public a courteous as well as an efficient service. Dangerous practices on the part of conductors of signalling buses to proceed before travellers have had a chance of mounting the vehicles must cease. Running to schedule is important, but not so much that the lives and limbs of passengers be placed in jeopardy. Two glaring examples have been cited by a correspondent. In one instance a lame girl had only mounted the steps of a bus when the driver signalled the vehicle to proceed—and if a serious accident had resulted it could have been a disaster. In the other instance two children were boarding a bus when the driver was signalled to continue. They might easily have been thrown off balance by the unexpected movement of the bus and have fallen under its wheels. Although not all bus conductors display such thoughtlessness and intolerance, the cases quoted are not isolated and it is apparent that a strongly worded injunction is called for from Company officials to conductors. In Kowloon it is noticeable that the dual-conductor system operates effectively in controlling the movements of buses in relation to passengers alighting and boarding, and while this method is adopted on some of the buses in Hongkong, it could be employed on a wider scale and to greater advantage. But primarily the question revolves around the individual conductor and his appreciation of his responsibilities attached to his work. True his job is no sinecure, and is not made easier by the boorishness of certain types of travellers. Nevertheless the safety of his passengers is equally important as collecting his fares and trying to keep to timetable, and he must make protection of his customers from unnecessary accidents one of his first duties.

Heavy Fighting In Latrun Area

ARAB ASSAULT ON JEWISH STRONGHOLD

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 24.—Fighting which threatened to blow up into a major warfare occurred near Midya, a point southeast of Ben Shemen in the Latrun area today.

The Legionnaires early today stormed one of the heights occupied by Israeli forces. The Jewish troops withdrew quickly and reformed at noon for a counter-attack which succeeded in recapturing the height.

Both sides reported losses in the brief and bitter skirmish. The Israeli military authorities said that there were "some" casualties.

At the same time, the Arab Legion shelled part of the "Burma Road"—alternative country road leading from Jerusalem to Tel-Aviv. Israeli troops returned the artillery fire.

The movement along the road continued unchecked, but the Israeli authorities fear that the Arab attacks presaged a new effort to choke off Jerusalem's Jewish population from its food and supplies which normally come along these roads to the coast.—United Press.

MAJOR OFFENSIVE

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 24.—Arab troops, violating the 10-weeks old Palestine truce, had launched a "major offensive" against the Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem lifeline, won by the Jews in the week of fierce fighting between the "troops," Israeli sources claimed today.

The Arab forces, these sources said, were based on the Latrun area dominating the highway along which the Jews run food convoys to the Holy City.

An Israeli military spokesman announced today that a "full" investigation was being made into Arab charges that the plane in which two British correspondents were killed yesterday was shot down by a Jewish fighter.

He declared that Arab planes had been observed almost daily, "obviously on reconnaissance" over Galilee during the past week and that Egyptian planes had several times recently tried to shoot down Israeli aircraft over Israel territory.

The correspondents, John Nixon of the BBC, and David Woodford of the Daily Telegraph, were killed when an Arab airplane crashed near the Jordanian frontier yesterday. Arab reports said the airplane had been chased and fired on by a Jewish plane.

An official Transjordan spokesman said in Amman that in Jerusalem two Arabs were wounded, one of them in the Sepulchre of the Rock Square—by fire from a

hospital under United Nations' supervision.

He added that Jewish firing in Jerusalem lasted for eight hours last night. There were no casualties.

WORK MUST GO ON

Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations Palestine Mediator, has informed the governments involved in the Holy Land conflict that he is continuing for the time being the assassination Count Bernadotte's task of bringing peace to Palestine.

"Count Bernadotte cannot be replaced. His work, however, must go on," his message said.

Dr. Bunche said that he had never asked and did not intend to ask for a bodyguard. He denied today that he had received any threatening letters.

An Israeli military spokesman said tonight that Arab Legion forces attacked and captured the Jewish-held heights east of Lydda this morning, but Israeli forces later counter-attacked and recaptured them.

At the same time, Arab guns of the 25-pounder type began shelling the Jewish "Burma Road" in the Latrun area, the spokesman added. Jewish artillery counter-shelled and halted Arab traffic on the road between Latrun and Ramallah. Sporadic shelling continued in this area, he said.

The Israeli police tonight recaptured 25 of the 20 members of the Stern Gang who escaped from a Tel-Aviv prison earlier in the evening. An official Jewish announcement said the escaped gang had been Count Bernadotte's assassination. The one man still at large was not identified by the police.—Reuter.

Big Recruiting Campaign

London, Sept. 24.—Britain's campaign for rapid volunteer recruitment into the Armed Forces and the Reserve was carried a stage further tonight when the Ministry announced plans to open eight new recruiting centres in towns throughout England on October 1.

It had already announced the opening of eight other Reserve centres in Britain on the same day. The Air Ministry also launched a drive today to get 10,000 men and 10,000 young women into Air Defence units—the "Eyes of the Fighter Aircraft and Anti-Aircraft Guns"—to man Britain's defences immediately in an emergency.

Officials of the Ministry of Labour were tonight considering whether to announce which occupations were likely to be placed on the "reserved" list in the event of any future mobilisation for war. Such a list would leave the Service chiefs free greatly to expand their Reserve lists.—Reuter.

CREECH JONES'S ASSURANCE

London, Sept. 24.—Britain is determined to meet the "Communist menace" in her colonial territories and make it an ineffective political force, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said today.

At the same time, it did not desire to confuse political and economic agitation. The Government's policy was not designed in any way to suppress nationalist movements, trade unionism or workers' legitimate organisations. All the evidence was in the opposite direction.

Mr. Creech Jones was replying to a short debate on conditions in Malaya and the Gold Coast of West Africa.—Reuter.

Chinese Communists Claim Capture Of Tsinan

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—The Chinese Communists announced on Friday the capture of Tsinan, one of the Government's last remaining footholds in the important Shantung province, of which it was the capital.

There was no confirmation from the Government, but latest Nanking dispatches had indicated the fall of Tsinan was expected. They quoted Shantung's governor and commanding general, Wang Yao-wu, as radioing for immediate help, which was not forthcoming.

The Communist radio in North Shensi province, heard by The Associated Press in San Francisco, said Tsinan was "completely liberated" on Friday afternoon.

It said powerful Communist forces stormed into the walled inner city and "wiped out" all remaining Government troops.—Associated Press.

Six Million French Workers Go On Snap Strike

Paris, Sept. 24.—France's industry, communications and transport were completely paralysed this afternoon when five to six million organised workers downed tools at 4 o'clock in answer to the two-hour general strike call of the major trade union federations.

All outward trains from the Gare St. Lazare, which serves the western suburbs and the Normandy area were cancelled until 6 p.m. The only passengers allowed on the platforms were those who wanted to take their places on trains standing at platforms waiting for the 6 p.m. departure. "The Golden Arrow," famous Continental link with Britain, was affected. It stopped "somewhere on the line" and would be over an hour late, officials said.

At Le Bourget airfield all Air France planes were grounded, "everybody is on strike," a Control Tower official told Reuter.

The Paris automatic telephone exchanges were working normally, but the city was cut off from the rest of the country on telephone and telegraph lines except for urgent life saving communications. When Reuter's Paris office called to book a long-distance call to Marseille, through the inter-urban exchange, a duty operator said: "I am sorry but I cannot put an ordinary call through—only calls that may save human lives. I cannot tell you when the services will be normal again."

Observers said that the general strike would be the most widespread and thorough that France has ever known. It was called in protest against new taxes imposed by the Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille's Government and against the sharp rise in the cost of living in the big cities.

PARIS PARALYSED

Called originally by the non-Communist Force Ouvriere and the Christian Trade Unions, with two and a half million members, it was joined by the Communist-led General Labour Federation, which has about three million members.

The strike was maintained despite last night's announcement by M. Queuille's Government of a general wage increase of 15 percent.

While the nationwide strike was called for two hours only, Paris was experiencing a 24-hour strike of public transport. No underground railway trains ran today. Public bus lines were also halted, though suburban railway lines were running as usual up to 4 p.m.

The transport strike meant that five million people had to use bicycles, taxis, private cars or hastily improvised services of trucks to get to and from work.

The two-hour general strike sharpened the effect of the transport strike by suddenly bringing thousands of big cafes round this station were doing good trade as were most Paris restaurants where people crowded, footsore and weary, from walking long distances.

In line with union instructions all essential services were maintained. Among other groups who continued working were: owner-drivers of some taxis; two large department stores and most of the city's cafes. Cinemas displayed notices saying that the first performance would begin at 8 p.m.

A visitor to Paris for the first time said "This is an amusing welcome. Do they do this sort of thing all the time?"

When the train reached St. Denis, north of Paris, the stream of drivers and guard held a conference with station authorities decided to strike and then made themselves comfortable for an hour. So we just had to wait.—Reuter.

REVOLVERS AND TEAR GAS BREAK UP MEETING

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 24.—Ten persons were injured on Thursday night when special police broke up a mass meeting in Rio de Janeiro with revolvers and tear gas.

The crowd gathered in one of the city's parks after attending a civic meeting to organise against foreign exploitation of Brazil's oil deposits.

The army's military police were summoned by telephone. The campaign against foreign exploitation of oil is a Nationalist drive heavily supported by the Communist against the United States oil companies.—Associated Press.

Parliament Adjourns

London, Sept. 24.—Parliament adjourned today until October 25 with a government pledge it would be instantly recalled earlier if the troubled international situation required it.

Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison assured the Conservative opposition that its opinion on such a recall would be given full consideration at all three during the month's recess.—Associated Press.

Soviets Fire Into Air Corridor

Berlin, Sept. 24.—The Russians throw anti-aircraft fire into crowded airlift corridor on Friday—without hitting anything.

They told the Americans and British about it officially one and a half hours after the shooting started.

The target practice lasted three and a half hours at Döle Airport, 25 miles west of Berlin in the Buckeburg airfield used by British and American planes on their return flight from this city.

Then the Russians posted a notice that they intended to shift from air to ground firing, which could include practice shooting at ground targets and possibly some bomb dropping.

The Soviet shooting failed to slow down the supplying of Berlin by air but led British and American authorities to make a new protest. The complaint was their second in two days against Soviet action in the corridor.

ANGRY OFFICERS

A Yak fighter played dangerously close to an airliner with 30 passengers in the corridor on Thursday—a wing to wing performance, that appeared to have no purpose.

Airforce officers were especially angry over the anti-aircraft fire. One officer said the stuff was being thrown "dangerously high"—up to 10,000 feet, "which is as high as we fly."

Despite all this, British planes carried another 3,000 tons of food and coal to Berlin in 444 flights. Almost as explosive as the air incidents was the outbreak of a newspaper war in which the American ordered all Soviet sponsored newspapers and publications banned from the United States zone of Germany. The ban did not apply to the American sector of Berlin.

The Russians already had effectively banned all western publications from their zone and the Berlin sector by setting up a tight Communist-controlled distribution monopoly to handle all printed matter.

The Americans had repeatedly protested without effect. The American action nullified the agreement of the Moscow foreign ministers' conference in 1947 for free exchange of information, throughout all four zones of Germany.—Associated Press.

Hongkong HCL Questionnaire

The weekend is your last opportunity for filling in the Telegraph's HCL Questionnaire which is published today on the back page.

The intention of the questionnaire is to obtain data that will prove a useful guide for the introduction of an accurate cost of living index in Hongkong.

When you have filled it in, cut it from the paper and return it to The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph, Wyndham Street, marking the envelope "HCL Questionnaire."

RUSSIA WANTS JAPANESE INDUSTRY EXPANDED

Washington, Sept. 24.—Russia today urged that Japan should be allowed to expand her industry to above the pre-war level with a control system lasting several years by "the powers most interested in preventing a new Japanese aggression."

The Soviet Ambassador to the United States, M. Alexander Panayukhin, told the 11-Nation Far Eastern Commission that the Soviet Government did not consider it reasonable that any limitations be placed on the development of Japanese industry, because it was not that industry but the "militarists" who exploited it who were responsible for aggression in the last war.

M. Panayukhin urged that: First, no limitations should be imposed on the restoration of peacetime Japanese industry, which seeks to satisfy the needs of the Japanese population not upon the development of exports in accordance with the needs of Japan's peaceful economy.

Second: The revival and creation of the Japanese war industry should be prohibited and there should be established, for a series of several years a control over the fulfilment of this decision, to be exercised by those powers most interested in preventing a Japanese aggression. He did not specify which powers Russia regarded as those "most interested" in preventing a new Japanese aggression.

He urged that the proposed control be included in the Japanese peace treaty. He added "the preparation and conclusion of this treaty is long overdue."

Hitherto, Russia has opposed the calling of a full peace conference involving all nations, which played a significant part in the Pacific war. She has urged instead that the matter be worked out preliminarily by the "Big Four" nations—Russia, the United States, Britain and China.—Reuter.

British paratroops 'attack' with U.S. Army

by CHARLES WIGHTON

the only British reporter to take part in the present Anglo-American military exercises, the first time British troops have joined foreign troops in peace-time battle training.

GRAFENWOHR (German-Czech border), Sept. 10. **BRITISH** and American troops, fighting under joint command for the first time since the end of the war, are hitting back at strongly entrenched forces of an "aggressor" who, at dawn yesterday, "invaded" the United States zone of Germany.

By nightfall British and American troops had pushed forward eight miles, within sight of the rolling green hills of the "Iron Curtain" Czech border. This is the beginning of a British-American tie-up in a top-day, large-scale manoeuvre.

Units in the 1,200-strong British task force now fighting as part of the historic American First Division, are the red-beretted fighters of the First Battalion Parachute Regiment, an armoured force of the 3rd King's Own Hussars and the Royal Horse Guards, and supporting Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and Royal Signals.

American staff officers who describe the Red Devils as "the finest troops we have ever seen in a lifetime of soldiering," said the present experiments followed the recent meeting in Berlin between General Clay and Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Keightley, commanding B.A.O.R.

Exercise "Normal" is a mock war—but according to operational orders the "Eastern aggressor forces" now being held south of the former Wagner Festival town of Bayreuth, are only the screen of the main invading army.

While combined British and American defence forces "battle" along the borders, the main invaders are supposed to be making westward to capture the new West German capital of Frankfurt—and possibly the Channel ports.

'Baby SHAEF'

FIGHTER-BOMBERS of the American Army Air Force roared overhead today as the invading force—represented by a single American combat team—took up position along the invasion line. In olive-green uniforms with yellow epaulettes, the invaders

bore a sinister resemblance to the Russian security divisions fewer than 100 miles north in the Soviet zone of Germany.

B.A.O.R. staff officers from Rhine Army headquarters, operating in a joint "baby Shaefer" in the former Wehrmacht training area at Grafenwohr, are taking part in the control of the joint operation.

At the end of the first day's fighting one of the British staff officers said: "We reckoned we knew a good deal about fighting in Palestine, but we have certainly learned a great deal from the Americans in the past few days. Our American allies have been grand. It is impossible to tell that two armies are taking part. They might be one."

The British soldiers have one grumble. They are getting only 20 cents a day while in the American zone—just enough to buy coffee and doughnuts or a hot dog in an American snack bar.

Rumours start!

THE sergeants get ten cents more, and officers are getting 60 cents a day—2s. 6d.—to entertain their American friends.

All the officers and men of the British contingent feel that with such a small sum involved they might have been given a more liberal allocation of cents—to prevent them, in the words of a Glasgow paratrooper, "living on the charity of the G.I."

With the 700-mile move of the British task force from Lubek to the Baltic to the Czech border rumours spread rapidly among the Germans.

As the British armoured cars and paratroops—never seen in Bavaria before—rolled through the sleepy German border villages, the working population discussed some fantastic theories.

1. A joint British-American force forming up to break into Czechoslovakia and the Russian zone of Germany to reinforce Berlin from the south.

2. A British-American army in a joint advance along the 500-mile Iron Curtain frontier from the Baltic to the Alps.

Which goes to show that the once-military brains of the German populace have deserted them! The operation goes on.

LUCK and 2,500 ways of thinking about it

By BERNARD DREW

DO you believe that 13 is an unlucky number, do you avoid walking under a ladder, or say "Here's luck" when a black cat crosses your path?

If so you share in one of the three most widely held superstitions.

A woman who once objected in the High Court that her house had been numbered 13 had it changed to 12—but she died next day.

A famous High Court judge also held strongly to the superstition. In the "Encyclopedia of Superstitions" (Rider and Co., 10s.), published recently, the authors, E. and M.A. Radford, tell us that, when a barrister, he refused any brief marked 13 guineas.

When a collector who knew him well marked a brief "Twelve and another" it was returned.

'Ranji's' black cat

Ranjitsinhji, the great Indian prince-cricketer, averred that a black cat twice saved a match for Surrey in 1905. And seeing one at a shooting party he believed guaranteed a good bag.

Charles I., it is said, was arrested the day after his favourite black cat died.

Why did W. G. Grace always bat first? He believed that if he went in to bat at an even number he would not make runs.

Another cricket superstition: if a batsman takes guard twice he will soon be bowled.

One of the most popular superstitions among smokers is that of the "third light" from one match. This belief is thought to have been born in the Boer War. It was said that Boer snipers would spot the flame by the time the third man accepted it.

Stage folks' beliefs

The stage has contributed largely to our 2,500 superstitions.

Here are some of them—

—The tag (last line of a play) should never be said at rehearsals.

—Whistling in a theatre will bring bad luck.

—Always leave a dressing-room left foot first.

—Never hang pictures on a dressing-room door.

—Artificial flowers should be worn on the stage.

—To "Good-bye" hummed in a theatre will bring ill-luck.

—"Cinderella" is one of the luckiest pantomimes.

—"Robin Hood" and "Babe in the Wood" are unlucky ones.

—Irving, playing "Othello" saw a woman in the stalls carrying a

peacock's feather fan, and sent her this note in the interval:

"For God's sake, take that peacock fan out of the theatre to prevent a disaster."

Friday has a strong hold over the superstitious.

In 1931 the sailings of two Atlantic liners were delayed on Friday night till one minute after midnight—at the passengers' request.

What burglars say

According to the police, few burglaries take place on a Friday.

Some burglars believe that a piece of coal carried in the pocket will enable them to defy authority.

Scotland Yard once vouched for the prevalence of this strange belief.

Armadillo sometimes refuse to change a five-shilling piece into separate shillings.

They say that if they do some member of the staff will be dismissed before the week is out.

Most popular superstition in rural areas is that of "telling the bees" when a member of the family dies.

Otherwise, it is said, the bees will either die or fly away. In 1945 a bride stopped to tell the bees she was married.

This belief is founded on the superstition that a bee is the soul of a dead person.

The custom among sailors of wearing ear-rings originated because their forefathers believed they would be saved from drowning.

The reason why some women carry an acorn in their bag "to be blessed with perpetual youth" has never been fathomed.

The falling leaf

There are more superstitions about alleged cures for ailments than any other subject.

A Durham Bevin Boy inquired whether sucking coal was a cure for heartburn as some of his colleagues had suggested.

Another old myth is: "If you catch a falling leaf in your hand in the autumn you will be free from colds all the winter."

Only two years ago an elderly man and woman were seen in Hyde Park to catch oak-leaves.

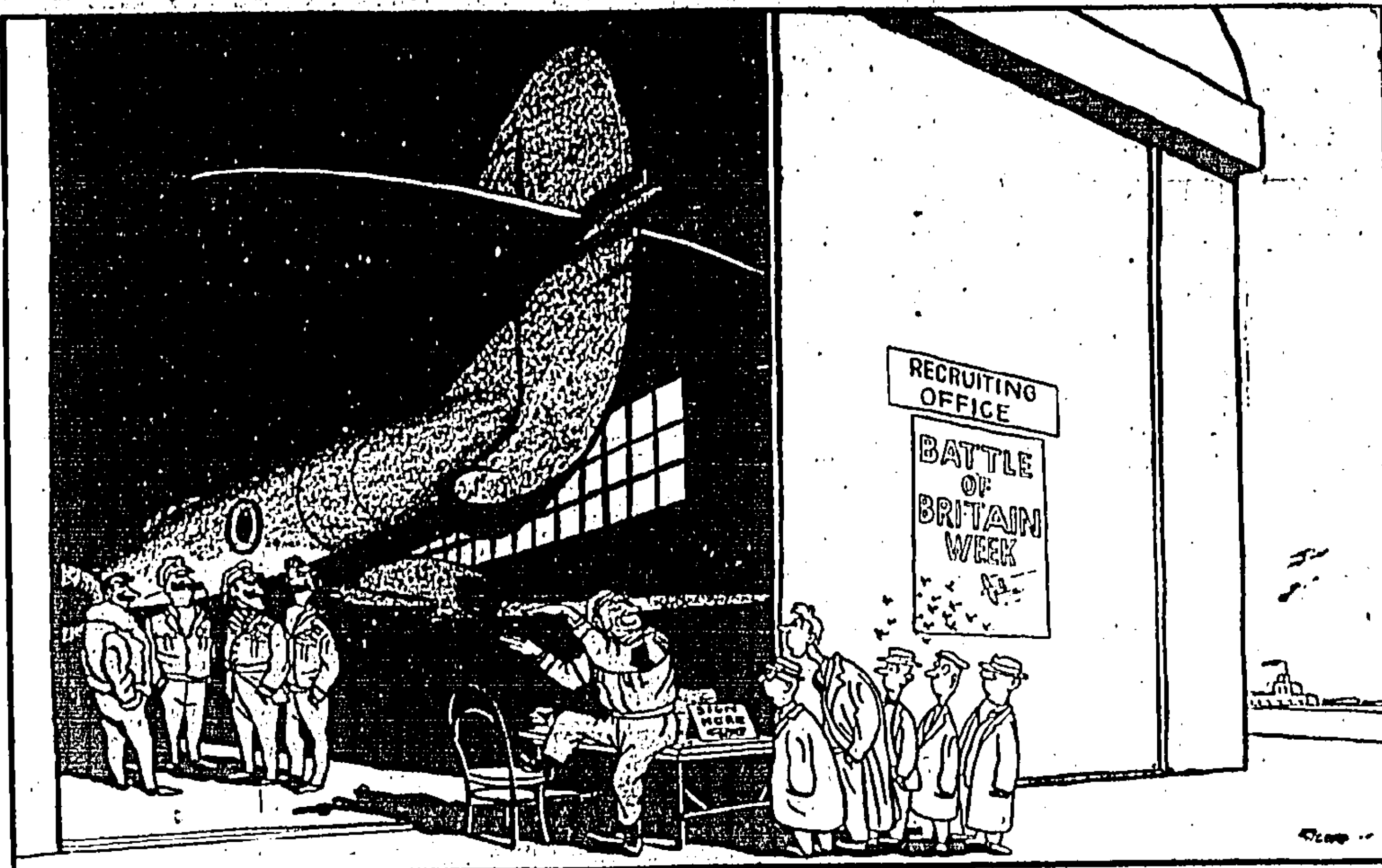
They said the saying was true.

In some parts of the country children suffering from measles are given roast mice as a cure.

There is no evidence that falling pictures presage a death in the family—but thousands still believe

'LINE SHOOTING' UP TO DATE

By GILES



"Out we used to go—knock off a couple of 'undred 'Einkels—nip back for a quick cup of char— orf we went again—down go another load of 'Einkels..."

Velvet Glove Behind The Iron Curtain: THIRD AND LAST ARTICLE

Hungary's 3-Year Plan Leans On Shock Workers

BY ROSETTE HARGROVE

WHEREVER you look in Budapest you see colourful slogans boosting Hungary's Three-Year Plan.

"Three-Year Plan—Well Being," says one. "The Three Year Plan is Your Plan, Work for it." And on the bulletin board at the Goldberger textile factory at Obuda, in the outskirts: "Dear Competitor, here we have a Working Competition, not a Chatting Competition."

The Three-Year Plan is designed to increase coal output 38 percent, machinery production 168 percent, power 43 percent, chemical products 40 percent. Its aim is to improve the pre-war living standard by 14 percent. Every effort is being made to reach these goals in two-and-a-half years. Authorities say proudly that coal, iron and steel production already have passed pre-war levels.

When this plan is ended, a Five-Year Plan with new targets is to be started.

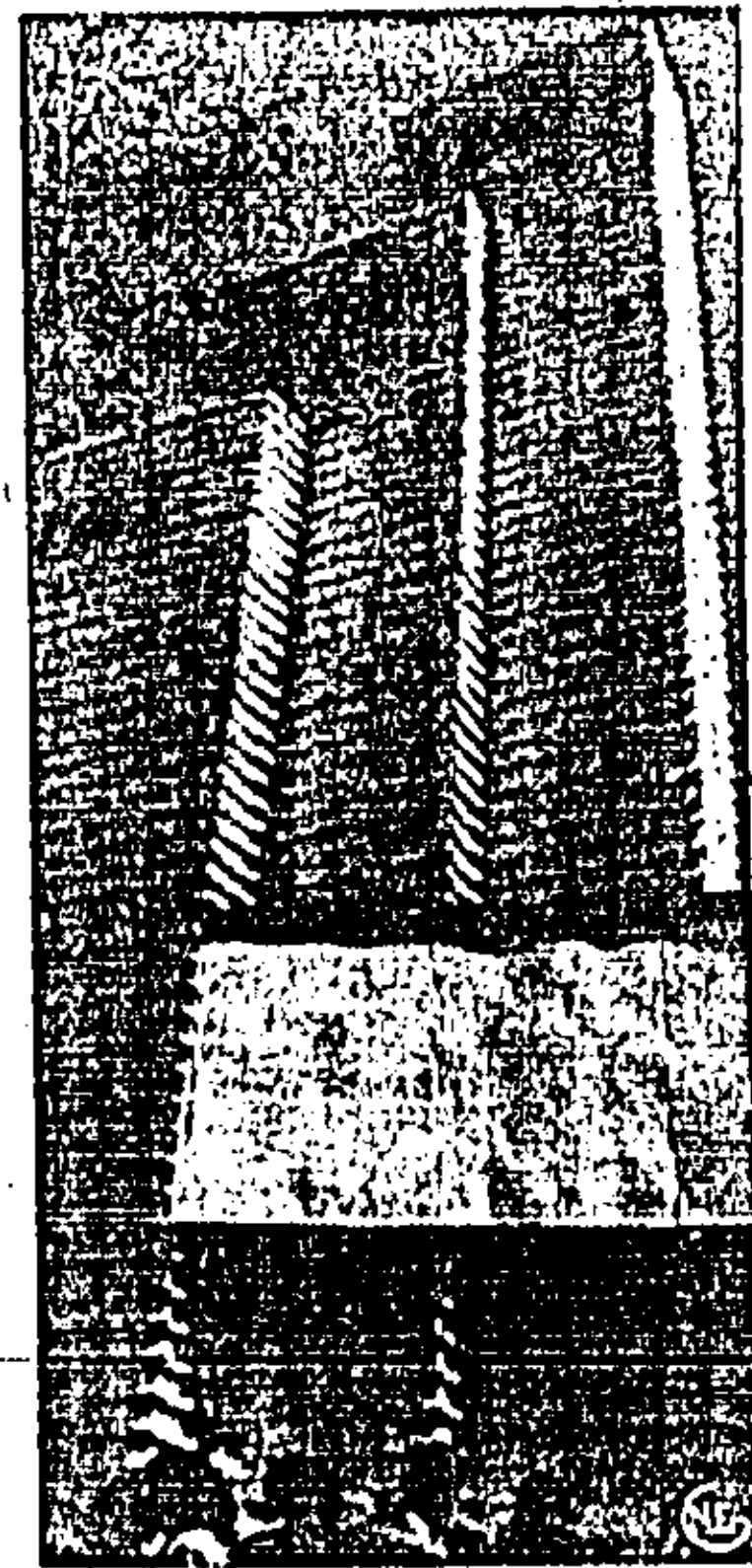
"It was necessary to establish a Three-Year Plan," said a government spokesman, "because war destruction and damage had brought living standards to a level so low that recovery could not be left to natural forces."

COTTON AND RAYON

THE Goldberger plant employs 650 women and about 100 men. It was nationalised in August 1947, along with heavy industry, mines and banks. Its monthly output is about 2,700,000 yards of cotton and rayon goods. Besides supplying the domestic market, quantities of the cloth go to Switzerland, England, Russia and metropolitan France. The greatest problem is dyes, which used to come from I. G. Farben and now must be imported from the U.S. and Switzerland. Russia supplies raw cotton.

Attractive 21-year-old Rosa Kelascheck is one of the "shock workers" among the women. She had worked as a checker for two years without making a mistake. Her reward was a month's vacation at an Albanian resort with all expenses paid.

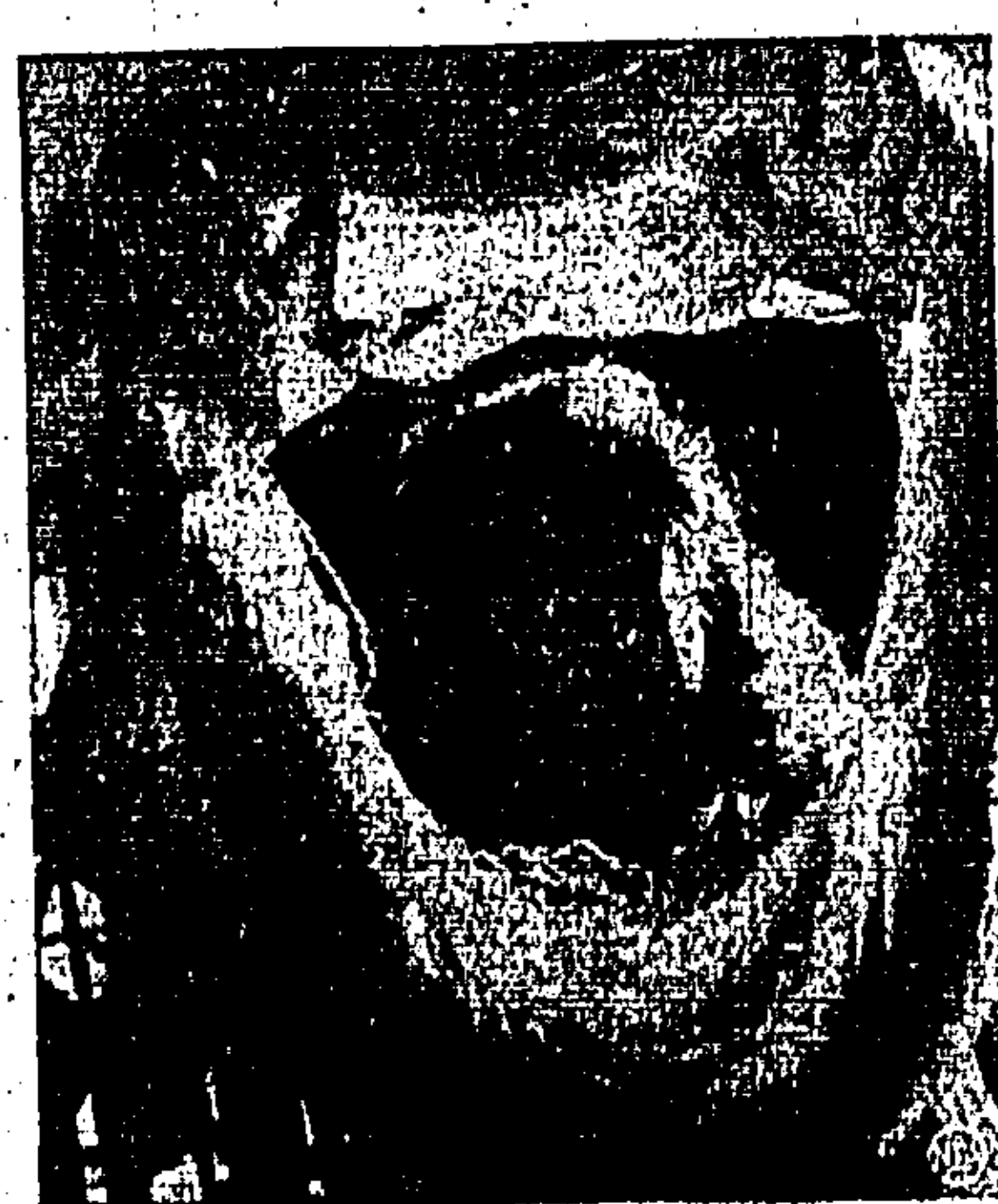
Rosa works from seven-in-the morning to five at night, 48 hours a week, for 160 forints—about US\$14.50. For 27 cents a week she gets a hot midday meal at the plant canteen. At



Monuments, like this one in Budapest, plus banners and slogans, remind Hungarians of Three-Year Plan.

a food co-operative she can buy at least ten to 15 percent under regular market prices. She can buy textile material at cost. If she works overtime, she is paid a bonus of 25 percent for the first two hours, 50 percent for the next two, and so on—plus a free meal.

Some workers get special privileges. A railway worker, for instance, gets free or low-cost travel. If he works 200 hours a month, and has a certificate that he has been employed more than three years, he is not docked for holidays when he doesn't work.



"Shock-workers" like this one in a textile factory, are on an equal footing with men, get special privileges for producing 35 percent above "norm."



Peasant. Land reform has given small farmers like this old man a few acres more land, but few other benefits. The peasant who owns a Sunday salt is a rarity.

EVER BEEN DOWN A SALT MINE?

asks BERNARD WICKSTEED

EVER been down a salt mine? Right, let's do it. We've no choice about which one it's to be because there is only one. At least only one in England still working.

It is called the Meadow Bank Mine in Cheshire and by a bit of luck I know the man who runs it. We went to school together.

A salt mine is nothing like I thought it was. I don't know about you, but I always pictured it as a great white cavern of kitchen salt which you cut into blocks and sent to the surface to be wrapped in brown paper.

But that is all wrong. The salt in a salt mine doesn't look like household salt at all. It is rock salt which is harder than coal, and brown. To get it, you go down a shaft as you do in a coal mine, but it is only about four feet square and in the old days when they used ponies underground they had to tie the animals up and lower them down tail first.

The shaft is 450 feet deep—about three times the length of Nelson's Column—and it takes 60 seconds to go down. When you step out of the cage you are in the middle of a place that looks like the crypt of a gigantic cathedral.

The ceiling is 20 feet high and all round you are massive pillars to hold it up. And all of it is carved out of salt—the floor, the walls, the pillars and the roof. They held a dance here once, but it took so long to get the guests down the shaft that the first ones were leaving before the last had arrived.

107 YEARS OLD

ABOUT a million tons of rock salt have been taken out since the mine was opened 107 years ago. But there is still about 1,500,000,000 tons left. This is good news for cows, because they are among the chief consumers of rock salt.

They'd smack their lips if they could be with us now and see the luscious lumps of it trundled along a truck. A lot of it is on the way to Australia and New Zealand, where they do not have any salt mines.

First it is mined in Cheshire, then shipped to the Antipodes for cows to lick, and finally, as minute constituents of butter and beef, some of it comes back to us on the way to Australia and New Zealand, where they do not have any salt mines.

Where does all this salt in Cheshire come from? How did it get there? About 150 million years ago when birds had teeth and lobsters were making their first appearance, the greater part of Britain was a desert of red rock sandstorms and salt lakes.

The biggest of the lakes stretched from what is now Northern Ireland, past the tip of the Isle of Man and down into Cheshire. Because of the droughts it was always drying up and the salt in the water was left on the bottom.

PREHISTORIC RAIN

THERE were gigantic tides in those days, because the moon was nearer than it is now and from time to time the sea broke in again with a new supply of water and salt. If you look at the rock face where the miners are working you can tell by the colour of the salt what the weather was like 150 million years ago.

Where it is dark brown it means there was a lot of rain when it formed because plenty of mud got mixed with the salt. And when a cow licks a particularly pure lump of rock salt her extra enjoyment is due to a drought in triassic times. Finally, there was so much rain that the lake didn't dry any more, and that was the end of the salt.

Somewhere I always connect salt mines with slavery, but this one seems a pleasant enough place to work. There is an even temperature of 54-56 degrees F. summer and winter, the air is dry and you can smoke without blowing the place up.

During the war it was used for storing documents.

How many salt miners are there in England? Exactly 80. Forty of them work on the day shift and forty at night. Between them they produce about 50,000 tons of rock salt a year.

It is so hard that you cannot chisel it out with a pick. You have to blast it.

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But enough of that. We'll go to the top again now and drop in at one of these half-timbered Cheshire pubs. All this talk about salt makes you so thirsty.



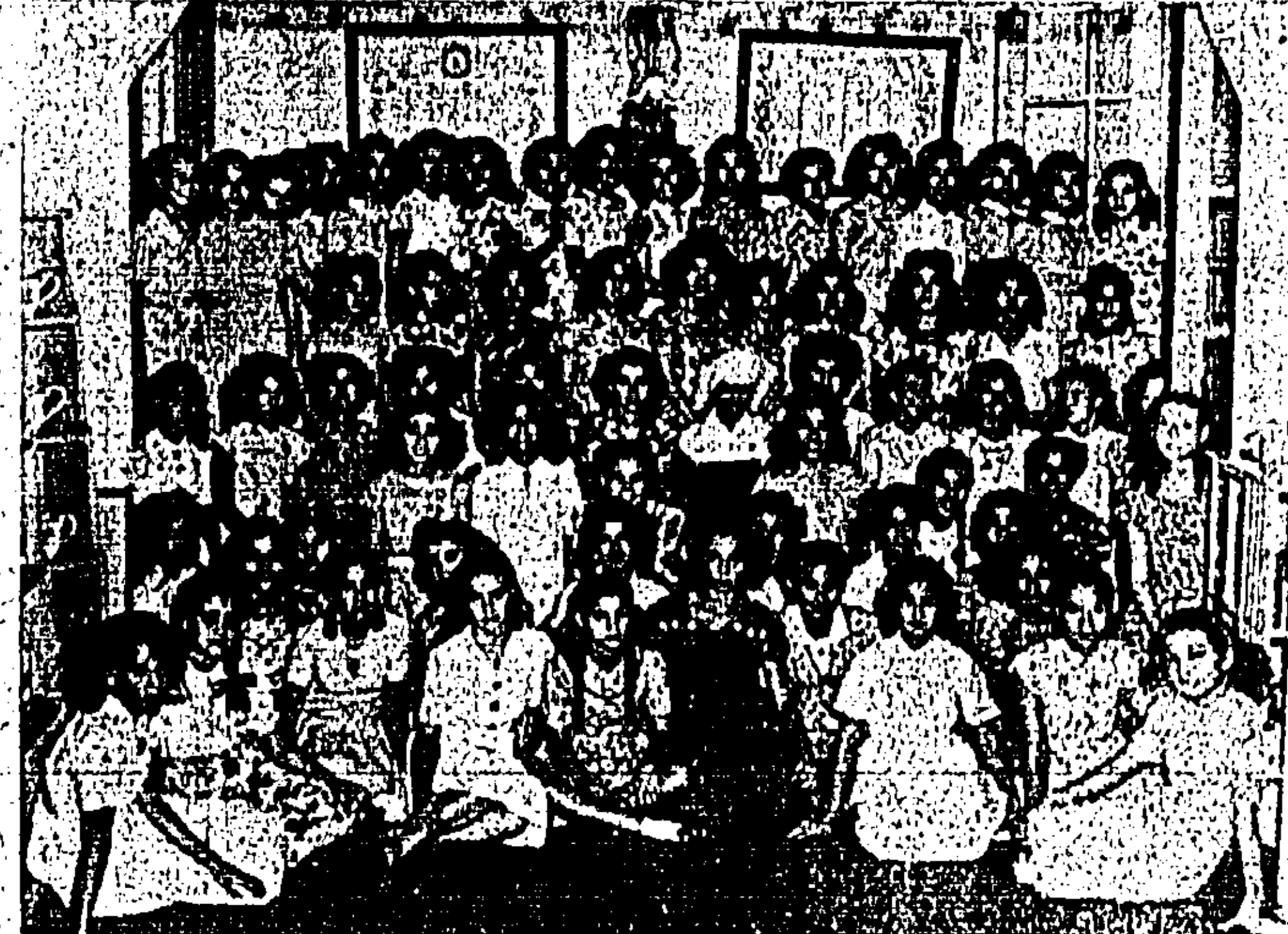
PICTURE taken after the wedding at the English Methodist Church of Major J. F. Soper, Officer Commanding the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit, and Miss Beatrice Doreen Mary Lloyd. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PRINCE and Princess Bhanubhandu Yugala of Siam called on Sir Robert Ho Tung in the course of their visit to Hongkong last week. Left: The Prince and Princess pose with Sir Robert in the front row; behind them are Mr Edward Ho Tung, Mr Sompong Bunnag, Siamese Consul-General, and Dr Irene Ho Cheng. Right: The Prince signs the guest book at Idlowild, Sir Robert's residence. (Francis Wu)



NAVAL WEDDING—Surgeon Lieutenant (D) Wilfred Hall, RN., and his bride, formerly Miss Catriona Rose McGibbon, leaving St Joseph's Church after their wedding last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



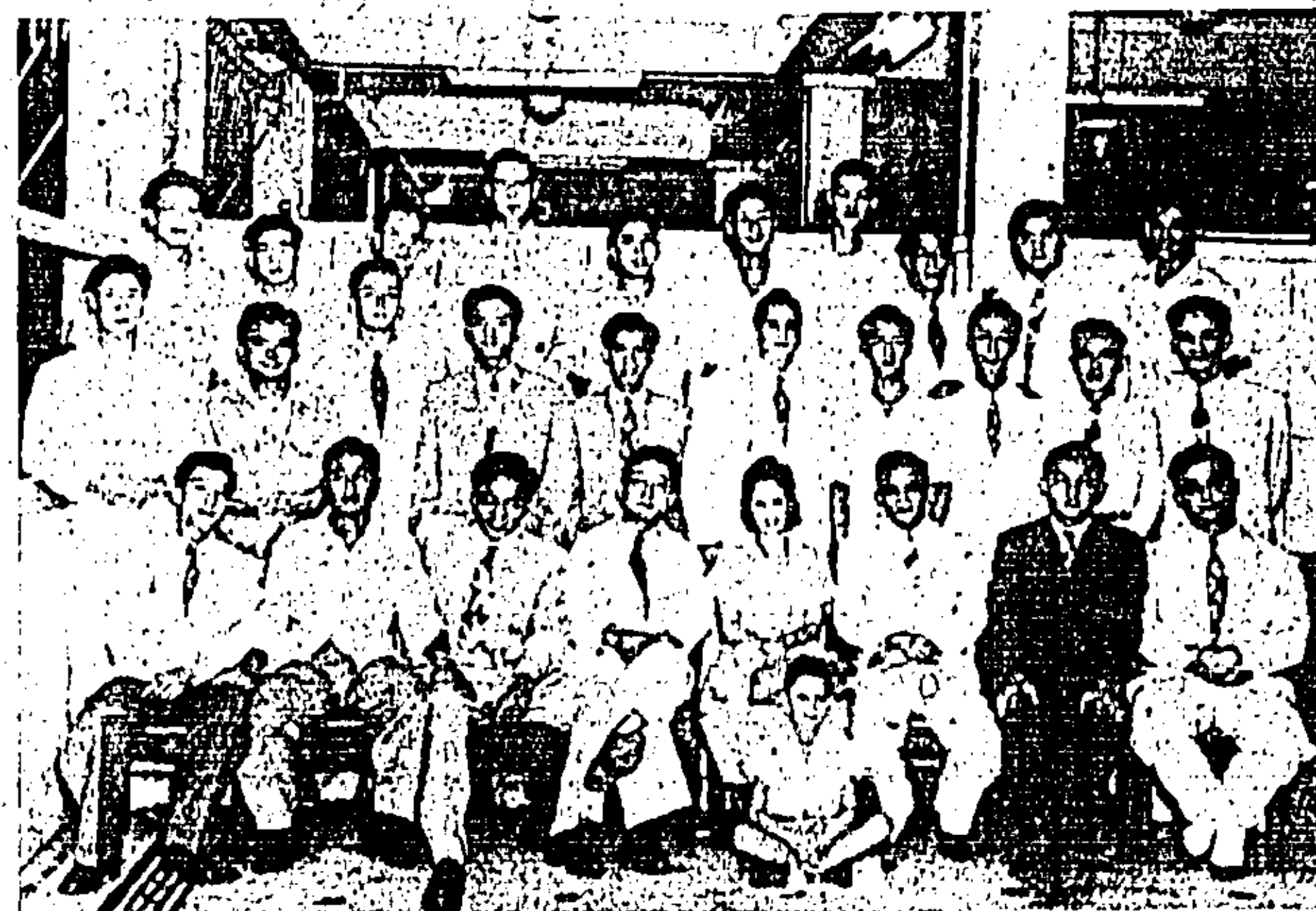
THE St Paul's Club of the French Convent School, photographed on the occasion of a tea party given last week to welcome new members. (Ming Yuen)



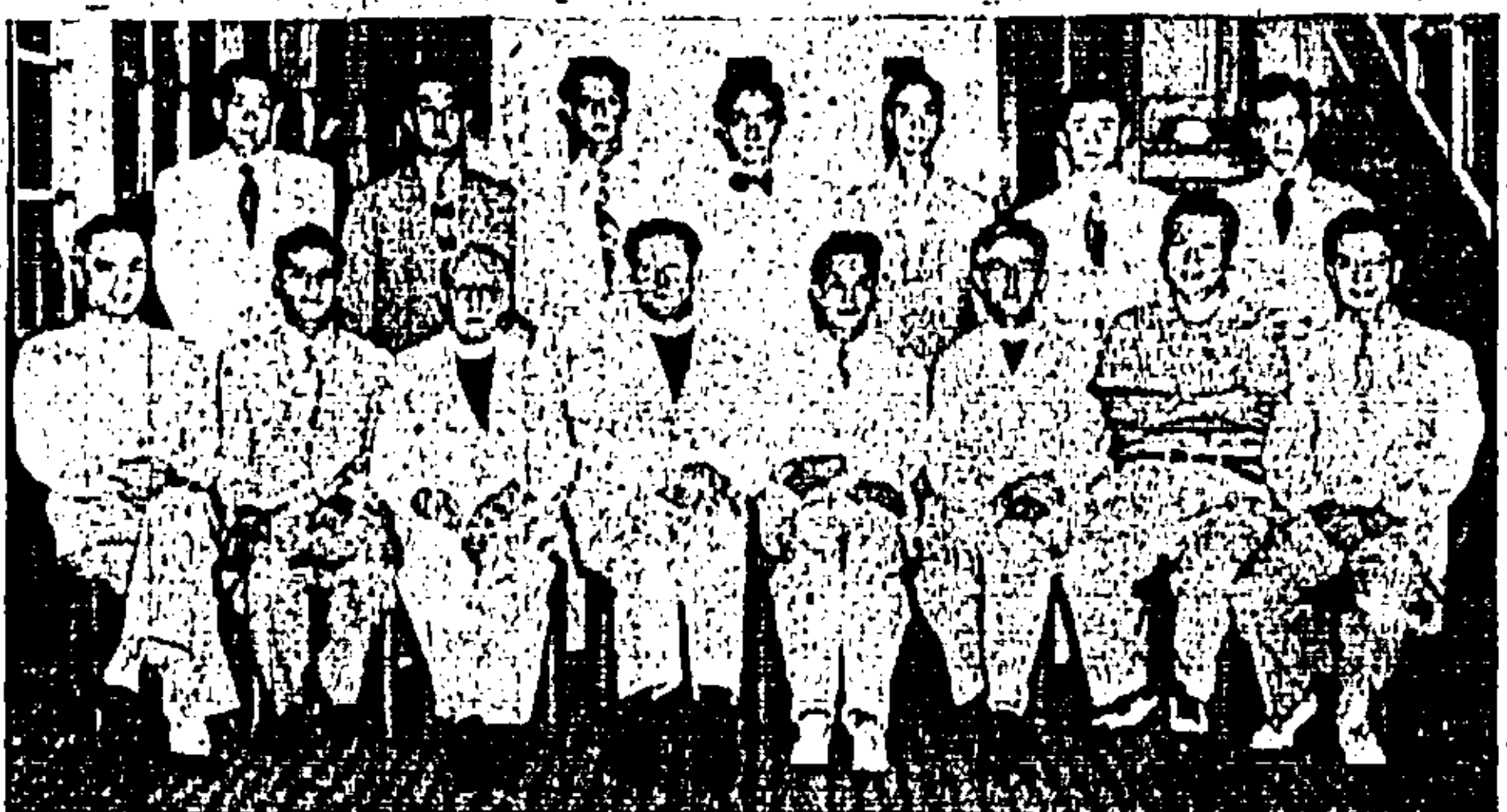
BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY—The Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore S. N. Webster, seen with senior naval officers after the Battle of Britain commemoration service at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the Hongkong Police (above) and Macao, Police (below) football teams, who met last week in a friendly interport match at Boundary Street. The tussle resulted in a draw. (Golden Studio)



MEMBERS of St Joseph's College Old Boys' Association who attended a reunion dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last Saturday. (Ming Yuen).



PICTURE taken on the occasion of a party given at the Golden City Restaurant by the Wah Yan College Past Students' Association to bid farewell to the Very Rev. Fr. E. Bourke, S.J., and to welcome the Rev. Fr. A. Cooney, S.J. (Golden Studio)

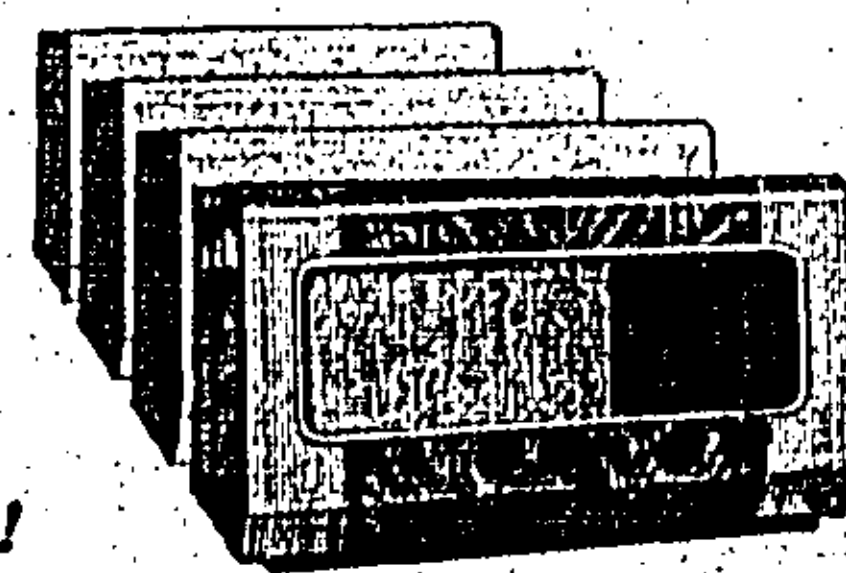
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THE LONDON SILHOUETTE IS GAY AND SWINGING

By Melita Spraggs

LONDON. THE London silhouette is still gay and swinging, and, though modified for heavier materials, it remains vivacious. There is a windswept influence drawing movement to the back in day suits and giving drapery an upward sweep in afternoon and evening clothes.

The over-all effect is tentlike as opposed to the cylindrical appearance of the wartime silhouette, but the "deflated look" has gone. Rippling folds of limp peplums and overfull skirts have given place to more tailored lines.

The showings of 11 couturiers who form the Incorporated Society of London fashion designers go some way to crystallise the London line, though each house has distinct characteristics which make it hard to generalise.

All cherish the small waist and natural waistline for day suits. There are one or two hints of the high accentuated bustline of Second Empire days, in evening gowns. The same influence is seen occasionally in a high corsetette to a skirt or in drapery cascading from the low neck at the back of an evening dress.

Despite these instances, however, Empire remains a suggestion rather than a trend. If period influence is sought it must be rather with the Edwardians and Victorians.

In day suits, hips have been flattened and seamed; all-round fullness has in some models given way to centre front or to windswept back fullness.

Tweed Ensembles

THIS varies from the barest hint of the backward movement in full skirts from Hardy Amies to unmistakable "derriere" influence in Peter Russell's tailored suits.

In the skirts of his tweed ensembles, for instance, the backward movement is achieved by a panel of sewn-in pleats across the back, with a panel half as wide in the front. He also follows the masculine practice of adding side-back hip pockets to a suit coat. Victor Stiebel brings interest to a plain black classic suit with a dipping swallow tail on the coat.

Among full, swinging lines, the slim skirt still has its place, too, both in the classic day suit and as an alternative to the bouffant lines of evening and dinner dresses. For evening, the addition of apron front and tunic overskirt drawn to the

side or to the back in side drapery, breaks the rather stern classic line.

Molyneux is its main protagonist for day suits. Suit coats stand out over slim skirts, very slightly gathered at the waistband, giving a hint of a return to the peg-top skirt.

Mattill favours the cutaway opening to the suit coat, with small waist and rounded lines, following the natural contours of the hips.

Capes make more frequent appearances as dusk falls. From rich Persian lamb, detachable collars or fox wrap stoles on town coats, right through the medium of fur fabric, matching cloth, to pleated net bal-terina capes and trailing net shawls, shoulder drapery softens the lines and dispels any remaining hint of masculinity in women's clothes.

Coats continue to develop along two lines which emerged last season. They are either wide-flowing and tent-shaped, with big raglan sleeves and large snug-fitting collars, or fitted belted models with generous flared skirts.

Interest In Detail

INTEREST arises from detail rather than from change in style. Peter Russell, for instance, makes travelling coats with three-quarter-length sleeves and turned-back cuffs. This brings gloves right back into the limelight as important accessories and makes way for the return of the muff.

In Britain, at any rate, gloves have taken a back place in the competition for clothing coupons. Now that they have been taken off the ration, elbow-length matching gloves are worn with these wide sleeves.

London designers are restrained in their use of fur. For the home market, it still bears 100 percent purchase tax and so makes garments on which it is used very expensive.

For export, however, there is more scope since purchase tax does not operate in this sphere. Norman Hartnell adorns a simply cut coat in putty wool with a nutria cape and voluminous muff. Two dressy day coats—one in turtleneck wool, the other in mustard wool—are swathed in stoles of blue fox or cross fox. Molyneux puts a narrow band of

Persian lamb right round the stand-up collar and down the front of a black town coat cut on princess lines.

Mattill adds a deep band of seal to the hem of a full, black town coat. The model carried a wide muff to match.

Both day and evening dresses may be divided into two silhouettes, the long slim and slightly draped one, or the one with fullness cascading from a tight bodice. The ballet length has been relegated to afternoon and restaurant dresses. Evening wear is full length again.

Designers have exploited to the full the new materials available to them for the first time since 1939. Norman Hartnell has a colourful collection of court clothes for which his house is famous. A white satin evening skirt has two alternative bodices, one off the shoulder embroidered with flowers in pink crystal and ruby; the other a little fitted coat of cherry velveteen embroidered with pink and white lilac sprays.

Velvet Is New

VELVET might be said to be the season's new material. Digby Morton has an afternoon suit with a skirt of sun-ray pleated velvet; Norman Hartnell uses brown ribbed velvet for an afternoon dress to be worn under a mink coat; Victor Stiebel uses stone corduroy for a half coat worn over a tortoise shell woolen skirt; and French silk velvet is used in many evening dresses.

Victor Stiebel uses lace and tulle for full-skirted party dresses. He drapes smoke-brown lace, in an apron, over a white organdie crinoline, which breaks into a froth of pink at the back.

Dresses, again, gossamers, poufs, broches, and brooches are all used for dinner and evening gowns.

Muted pastel shades are seen in both day and evening clothes as opposed to the no-colour shades—grays, muds, stones and beiges—of last season. Peter Russell calls his new shades Scotch air, greyfruit, Tudor brick, and wistaria. Wistaria, better known as violet, ranging from lavender to deep purple, is an important shade in all collections.

Rainy Day Charm



Plaided taffeta raincoat.

By GRACE THORNCLEIF

Still descending on us is a shower of delightful new rainwear, just when we think that the designers must have exhausted their inspirations. Plaided taffeta in white with navy is used for this raincoat and it is nicely treated to rebuff raindrops. Two set-in bands at the neck criss-cross via a plastic buckle. There are slit pockets at the side and a loose flared back and detachable hood are other details.

Seen In Bermuda



By ALICE ALDEN

A FABULOUS HAT is in order when your best beau invites you for a luncheon at the club, or to the races, or is escorting you to a wedding reception or a garden party. Photographed at Bermuda, to show how right such a hat would be at a resort in this British crown colony, a forward-sweeping bonnet of white ballbunt straw. It has an edging of freshly white mink, and is accented by pale pink silk roses, all adding up to a pretty exciting combination.

Taupe Jacquard Satin



By FRUNELLA WOOD

WE LIKE the jacquard weave of this dressy taupe satin frock, being one who is not mad for the ultra high gloss of satin in daytime fashions. The dress is a handsome one as to design as well as fabric, with deep and wide V neckline in front, softened and given a daytime look by a wide collar. The cord belt is of self fabric. The hat sketched is a pillbox fox of brown with a chou and cascade of matching veiling dotted hugely with chenille.

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Twilight Satin Suit



By PRUNELLA WOOD

TWILIGHT in colour, twilight in fashion, this soft tailor of slipper satin with the true violet-gray mauve tone. This type of costume is the invaluable standby of the woman who begins a separate department of her life with the close of every busy day, whether she goes on from personal duties to committee pledges or, frankly, a good time.

For teatime conviviality, the theatre after a restaurant dinner, etcetera, a satin suit of any smart and becoming colour is a standard wardrobe pet, with which all milliners and accessory stylists are interested, not to say in love.

Teach Your Child To Be On Time

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

IN any comfortable neighbourhood around six or seven P.M. you may hear or see a father or mother, some other members of the family or all of them together trying to find a youngster from six to twelve to tell him dinner is ready. In some families this is a daily ritual, typically during summer days.

This is needless effort for the round-up person and harmful practice for the child and his character development. Any child old enough to go to school could and should learn to take responsibility for being at home on time for dinner. As a rule, the child who is younger should not play beyond the sight or hearing of his parents. At least his parents should, within any fifteen-minute period, know where he is and certainly near mealtime they should restrain him to such boundaries. Hold the youngster, six to fourteen, responsible for

bringing himself to meals on time. If you deem it wise to give him a watch he can check the time from that. Otherwise he can keep checking at intervals at the home in which or near which he is playing. Be exacting of him. If, however, he often plays ball with the gang and the regular time of this game interferes, you might wisely compromise by letting him be late or by shifting the mealtime, accordingly. I recall that when one of our boys at about twelve turned up late for dinner and was warned of the serious consequences for repetition he informed us that he just had to wait for his turn at the bat. We accepted his explanation and he expressed great appreciation of our consideration.

Family Council

As you can see, the more regular your mealtime the easier it is for your child to acquire the habit of being on time. Even though you must serve the meal a bit late occasionally the child should know he is late. But failing with such procedure should be more effective in a family of several children over six. But failing with such procedure should be more effective in a family of several children over six. But failing with such procedure should be more effective in a family of several children over six.

Of course, at a relaxed time when no problem is on and when no one feels vexed, you might be able to lead the child to see why no one should have to run all over the neighbourhood to call him to dinner, and why he never should be late. Such family-council procedure should be more effective in a family of several children over six. But failing with such procedure should be more effective in a family of several children over six.

Suppose you have announced a rule and it is habitually violated. Then set a penalty. Require the offender to sit unattended several feet from the table for half an hour or more before he may eat. Go to no extra trouble to secure him warm food. He'll be good and hungry all right. If this milder treatment doesn't work, let him have only bread and water, plenty of each. Be decisive but do no exhorting or jawing.

WASHING SUMMER SUITS

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT'S nice to see a man all spruced up in an immaculate white or light-coloured summer suit, but, unless one has a good know-how, it isn't nice to have to be responsible for their upkeep.

It is good that cotton cord or seersucker can be popped right into the wash along with cotton frocks and such. Let them soak about 15 minutes first, just the proper period to loosen the dirt. Use cool water rather than hot, since high temperatures serve to set some stains. Give a good sudsing whether in tub or washer, and get a good standing suds collar. Wash from five to 15 minutes depending on degree of soil.

Use a rubber plunger for tub washing. Rinse well in three fresh waters. Pre-laundering care includes scrubbing collar and cuffs with a soft brush and suds if these are very soiled. Also take care to remove before washing any stains that need special handling such as paint or grease, and fruit stains especially those caused by berries which are very stubborn.

Light Starching

Be wary as to starching, which should be done only in cotton cords and then very lightly. Seersucker becomes stiff and loses much of its crinkled surface as starch is ironed in, while linen loses its natural texture.

Before drying a suit, get as much water out as possible, then place the coat on a rust-proof hanger. Carefully straighten the coat, easing body and sleeves to full length. Pull trousers into shape, and fasten to line by waistband, not by the cuffs. Stretch jacket and trousers gently a few times during drying process. Dry in shade.

Ironing is the big job, and to do a fine piece of work, the suit must be ironed until it is completely dry, but not over-ironed. Seersucker and cord can be ironed when taken from line or dryer while still slightly damp. If suit is to be ironed later, straighten, fold smoothly and place in a towel or plastic sheeting, taking care to roll loosely so that no wrinkles are worked into the fabric. Linen suits and others that have dried completely need to be sprinkled and left if possible, overnight before ironing.

While one can acquire skill with an iron, it is best to use a manual iron on linen suit, which should be quite damp. A sleeve board and a pressing mitt are two good aids for a professional-looking job for those two difficult areas, sleeve and shoulder.

Get the Good Posture Habit



Mezzo-soprano Mena Paulce is an ardent advocate of good posture and exercise for figure fitness. For slimming the hips, she says, do this "hip-walking" exercise.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FIGURE moulding salons are flourishing everywhere. If a woman hasn't the will-power to help herself, the salon will put her through the good looks ritual. Yet, all these establishments have methods that are based primarily on posture correction. Good carriage is a matter of habit and practice. You don't have to have somebody pound you on the back, tell you to pull yourself up and assume the correct attitude. You can do it yourself as easy as anything. Every woman should have sufficient respect for her body to hold it erect, to move with grace.

Professional attentions for silhouette pulchritude consist of exercises on a mat, tusselling with a rolling machine—the machine does all the tusselling—baths, bracing showers, vigorous massage treatments.

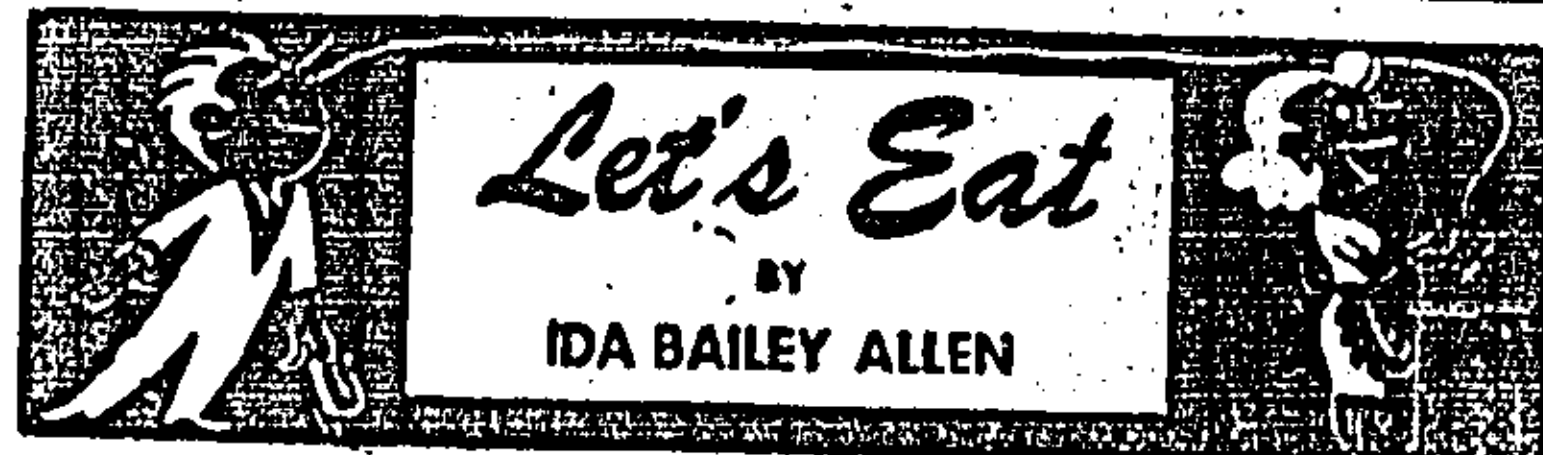
If you would nip off three inches from your waist line, it can be done. But you have to do some of the work. You will be instructed in torso twisting, one of the best of all exercises for tightening up slack muscles in the mid-section. Stand straight up, hands extend-

ed at the sides on a line with the shoulders. Send the hands and the upper portion of the body far to the right, pivoting at the waist line. Six times, then six to the left and repeat. All the time you must be trying to pull yourself apart at the waistline.

For reducing thighs and calves that have over expanded, there is a squinting exercise. Stand straight, arms out at the sides, palms of the hands downward, feet fairly wide apart. Lower the torso until the buttocks are resting on your heels. (The outstretched arms help to give you balance). Then up on the toes as high as you can go. Back to first position and repeat.

A good exercise for keeping the hips slim is as follows: Sit on the floor, draw your legs up and grasp the ankles with each hand. Then "hip walk" across the floor, rotating from side to side. The friction is what does the trick.

Reducing exercises won't help much if the unquiescent candidate for willfulness continues to eat too many foods that contain fats, starches or sugar. These elements must be cut down to the limit.



A Duck For Dinner

THE duck I shall make into a fricassee delicious, and serve in a border of the whipped potato; it will be enough to serve the whole family, with perhaps some left over.

Right here I'd like to give our readers a few pointers on roasting duckling:

After cleaning be sure to scrub thoroughly with mild soapy water and rinse well.

If the duck is to be stuffed and roasted, try filling it with soaked pitted prunes, orange sections and sliced apples mixed with ¼ teaspoon marjoram.

For a crisp skin, place breast side down on a rack in a roasting pan, and roast 15 minutes at 425 F. Then reduce the heat to 350 F., turn breast side up and continue to roast until tender, about 1 ¼ hours longer.

When done, pour off the liquid; remove the fat; make a gravy; add the chopped cooked giblets, and serve with sections of fresh orange in lettuce nests. A dish to delight the appetite.

Dinner

String Beans and Sardines
Frische Style
Brown Fricassee of Duck or Chicken
Whipped Potato
Spiced Prunes
Buttered Beets
Heated Rolls
Butter or Margarine
Chilled Apple Tapioca with Cream
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
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String Beans and Sardines
Rolls Style

To 1 lb. cooked, whole string beans, add New Orleans pickle sauce, and chili. Serve arranged on lettuce. Top with a sardine; decorate with thin slices of cooked carrot if desired.

New Orleans Pickle Sauce: In a small jar mix together 2 tsp. prepared horseradish, 1 tsp. table mustard, ¼ c. catsup, 1 tsp. grated onion or minced chives, ½ tsp. vinegar, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 3 tsp. salad oil and 1/3 c. chopped sweet pickle relish. Shake thoroughly.

Brown Fricassee Duck

Singe, clean, and tweeze out pin feathers from a 4 to 5 lb. duck. Wash with mild soapy water; rinse thoroughly; dry and section the duck in 10 pieces. Clean and wash the giblets. Mix together ¼ c. flour, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. onion salt. Roll the duck and giblets in this; then slow-brown in a heavy frying pan, using only a little vegetable shortening, as some

fat will come from the duck. When thoroughly browned, add 1 ½ c. boiling water, 1 small bayleaf and ¼ a grated tart apple. Cover closely; simmer until the duck is tender, about 1 hr. Drain off the liquid. There should be at least 1 cup. The fat will rise to the top. Skim it off with a spoon, and blot up any remaining fat with twists from a paper towel. Save the duck fat to use in frying or seasoning vegetables. To the duck stock add the cooked giblets chopped fine, ½ c. boiling water, ¼ tsp. beef extract and ½ tsp. liquid gravy seasoning. Bring to a boil. Then stir in 2 tsp. flour stirred smooth with 2 tsp. cold water. Cook and stir until boiling. Simmer 2 min. Pour over the duck. Cover and re-heat. Serve in a border of whipped potato, hominy or brown rice.

Spiced Prunes

Wash 1 lb. medium-sized prunes. Cover with 1 qt. boiling water and let stand 1 hr. Then add the grated rind of 1 lemon and the following spices tied in a bit of cheesecloth: ½ tsp. whole cloves, 3 peppercorns and 1 tsp. allspice. Cover and simmer 45 min. to 1 hr. (Or pressure cook 10 min. at 15 lbs. and cool in the cooker.) Add 1 c. sugar, ½ c. vinegar, and the juice of 1 lemon. Simmer until the prunes are very tender. Remove the spices, cool and serve with duck or poultry of any kind, or with roast lamb or game.

Canned Apple Tapioca

To the contents of 1 can of sliced apple add 1 c. apple juice, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. lemon juice and ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Bring to a boil; then stir in ½ c. light brown sugar mixed with ¼ c. quick-cooking tapioca. Cook and stir until boiling fast. Cook covered, stirring occasionally. Chill and serve with top cream or whipped cream.

Baked Dinner

Oven to the rescue in the following menu. First put in the scalloped potato to bake; follow with the blue fish and tomatoes, and last the gingerbread. The baking time for the entire dinner is less than 30 min.

Dinner

Chilled Grapefruit Sections
Baked Split Blue Fish
Lemon Wedges
Quick Scalloped Potato
Baked Tomatoes
Cold Slaw
Seed Rolls
Butter or Margarine
Gingerbread Squares
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

Trick of the Chef

To keep raw prunes from becoming dry, remove from the package and put in a glass jar. Then cover. Store in the refrigerator.

It's fun to have a Model for a Mother



Lovely Joan Sleeman (Mrs. Ward) is teaching her son the simple routine which preserves her own entrancing smile. She knows to-day's soft foods do not provide enough gum exercise, so this is what she is already impressing on young Anthony:

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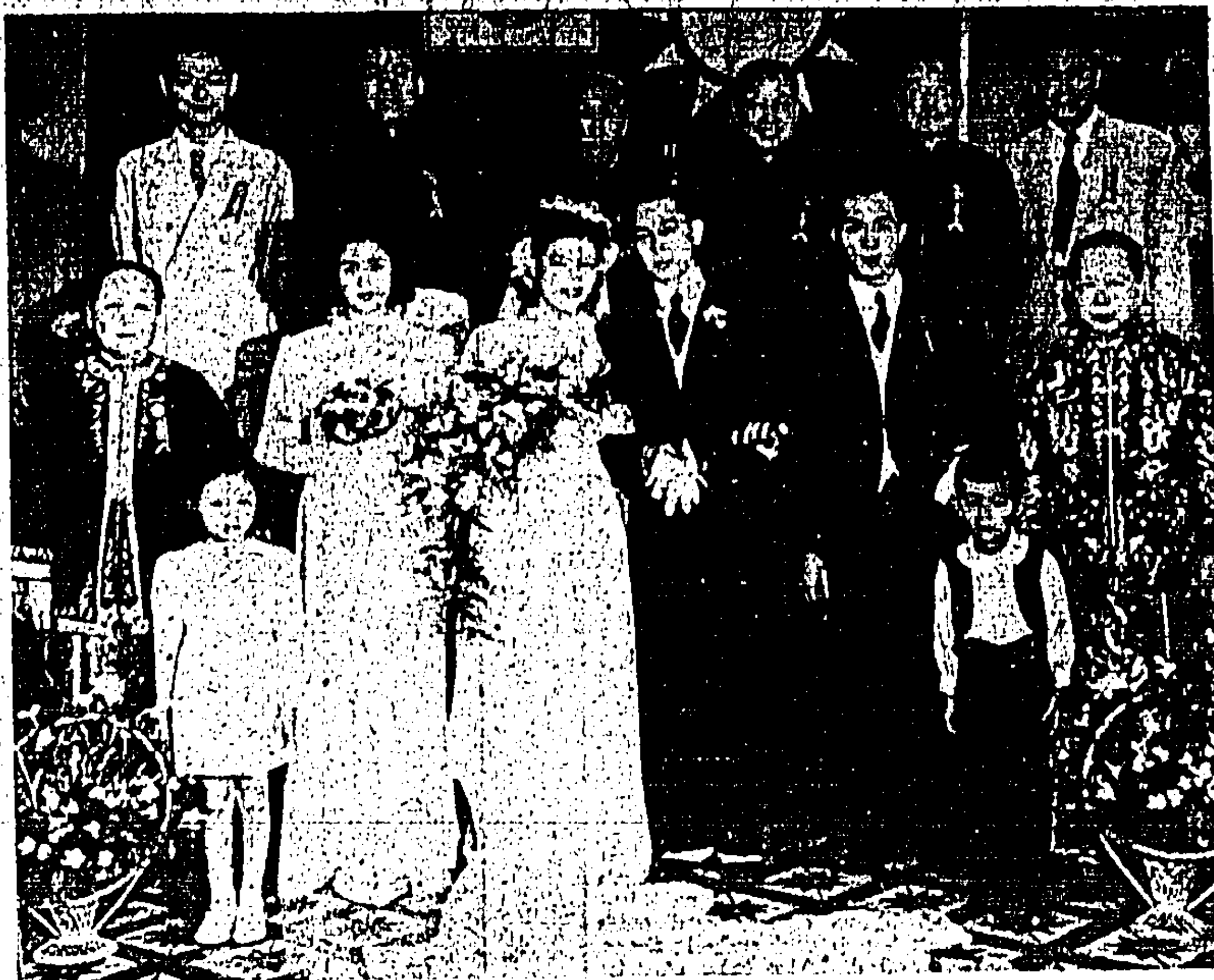
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CHAMPION SISTERS—The Misses Wong Yuk-ching and Wong Yuk-bing, who won the girls' 100 metres freestyle and 100 metres backstroke events respectively at the inter-school aquatic meet at the Chinese YMCA last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



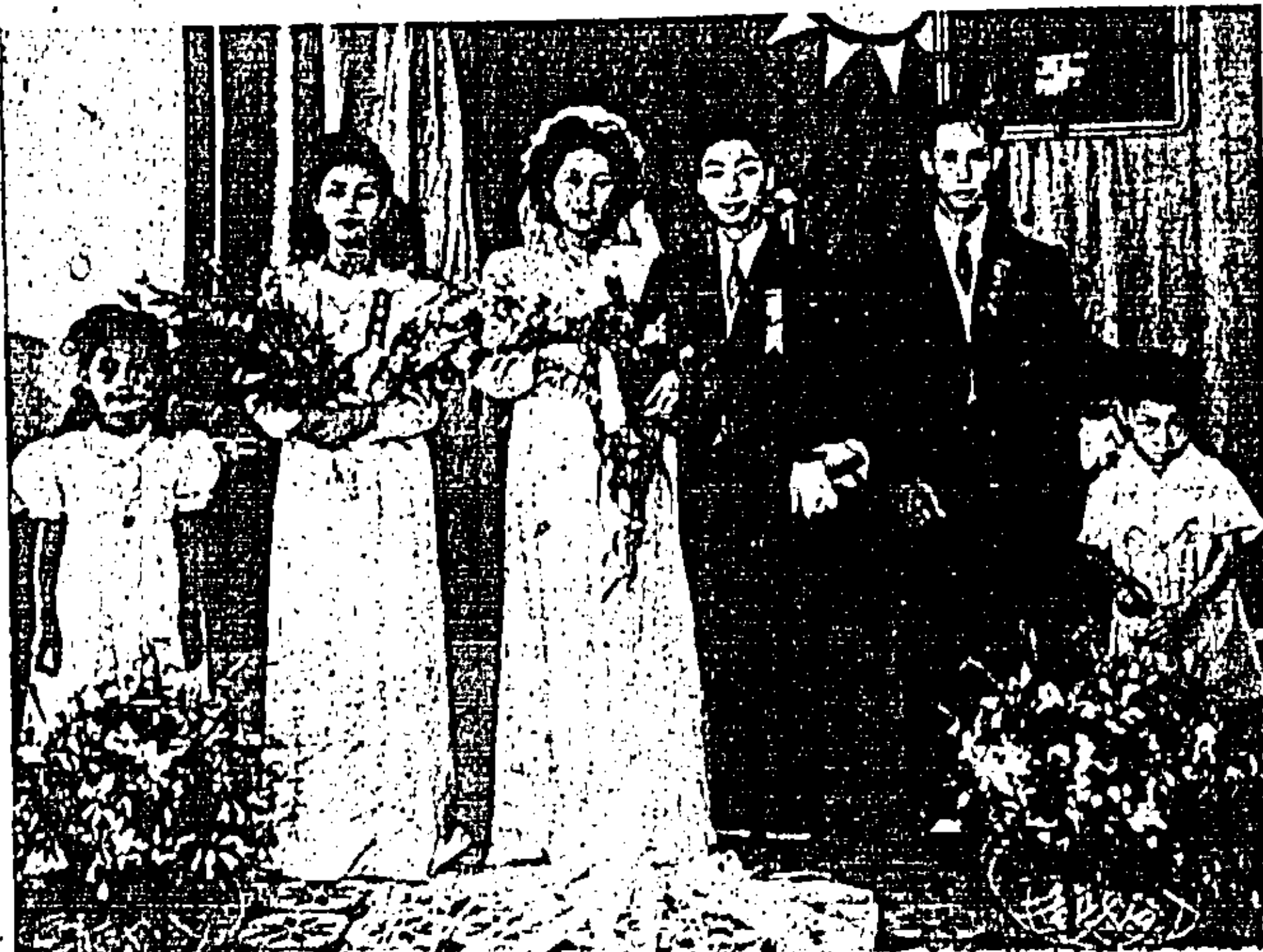
SCHOOLBOY CHAMPION—Cheung Kin-man, who won the Colony harbour race last summer, came first in the boys' 100 metres freestyle event in the inter-school swimming sports at the Chinese YMCA last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



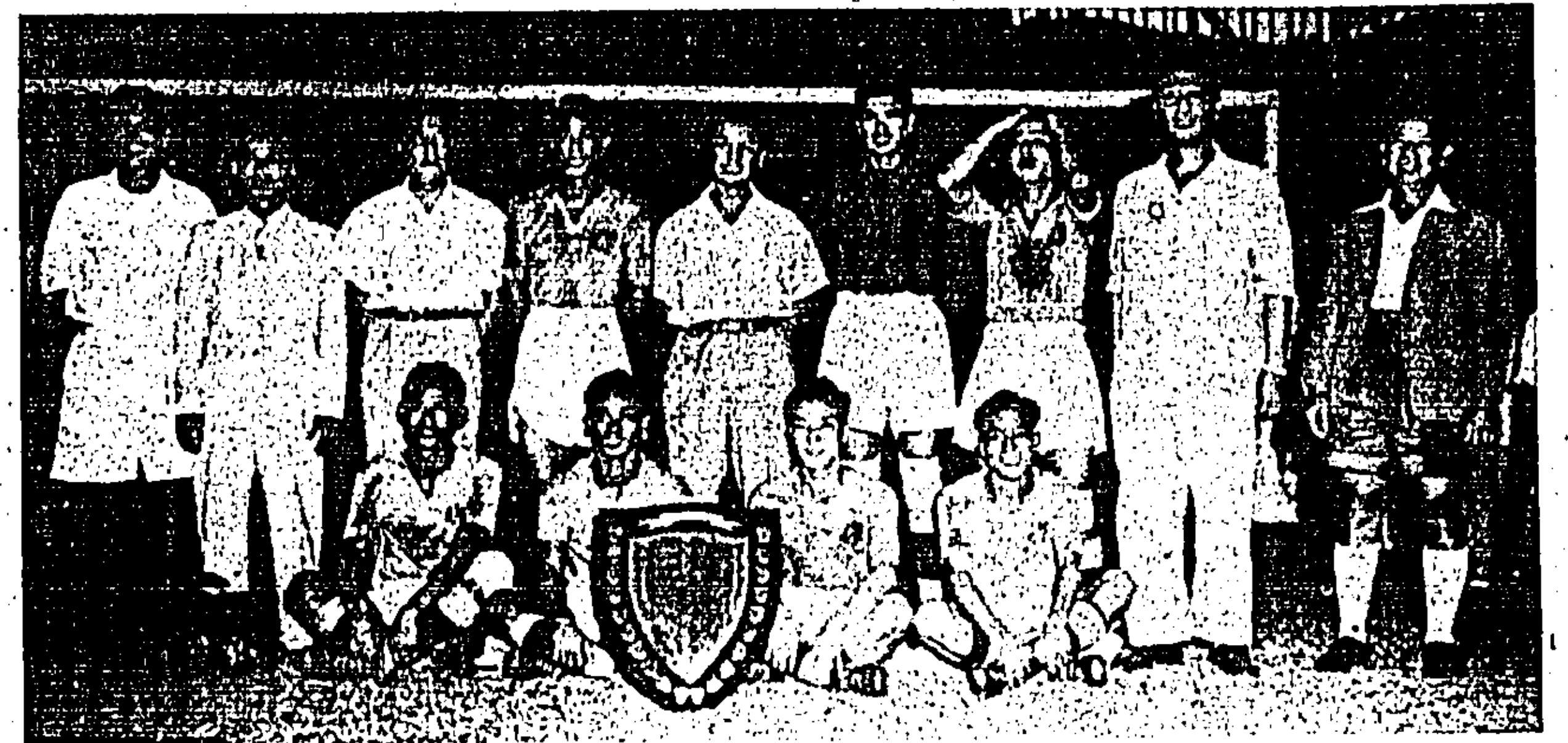
GROUP photo taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant on the occasion of the marriage of Mr Chong Yit-ping and Miss Chen Ying-wah. (King's Studio)



RIGHT: Mr Lam Ku-cheong and Miss Chan Siu-yuo, who were married at the Registry this week. (Ming Yuen)



PICTURE taken after the wedding of Mr Chow Sai-koo and Miss Lau Hing-soon at the Kam Ling Restaurant. (King's Studio)



THE Kowloon Motor Bus team, which defeated the Army in the seven-a-side soccer competition last Sunday to win the Stanley Shield. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MEALTIME FOR TWO—Roger Dennis Rogers, seven months old, and George, the pigeon, eat together now in Dallas, even though the bird used to hate babies. George, found two years ago as a tiny fledgling, has adapted itself to the family circle.



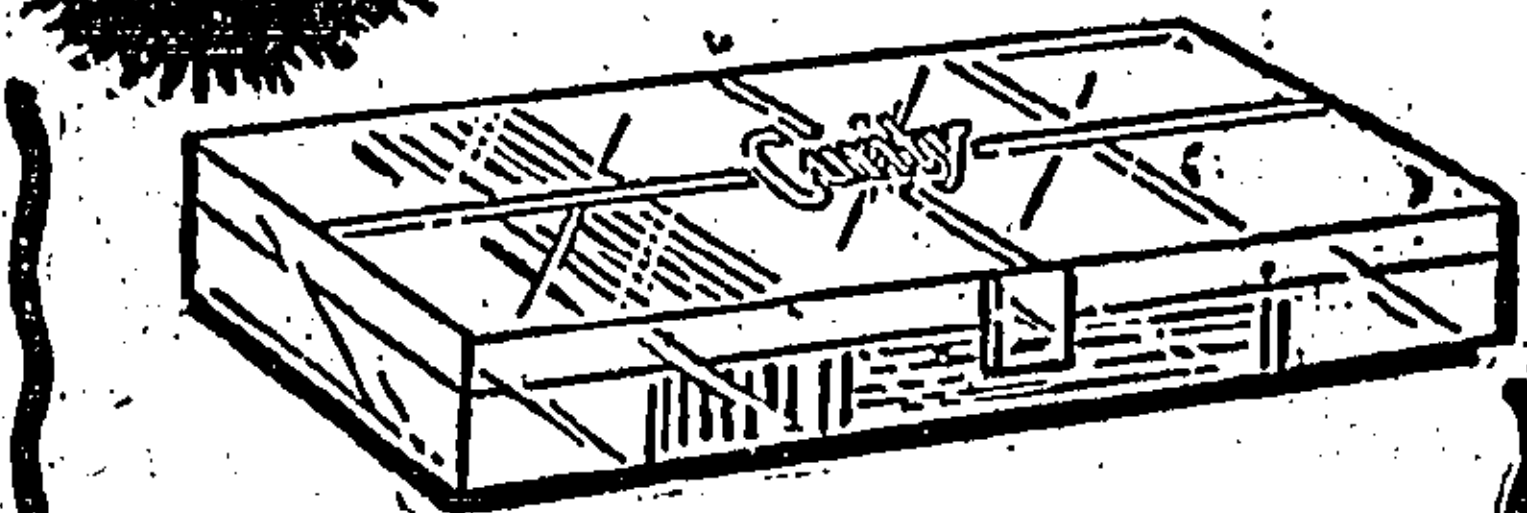
BARBER SHOP FIG TREE—This 18-year-old tree is producing several hundred figs in the Chicago barber shop of Joseph Del Guidice, who keeps right at work while a customer inspects the tree.



VISITS POPE—Maj. Gen. William Donovan, wartime chief of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, passes Swiss guards after an audience with Pope Pius XII in the Pontiff's summer palace near Rome.

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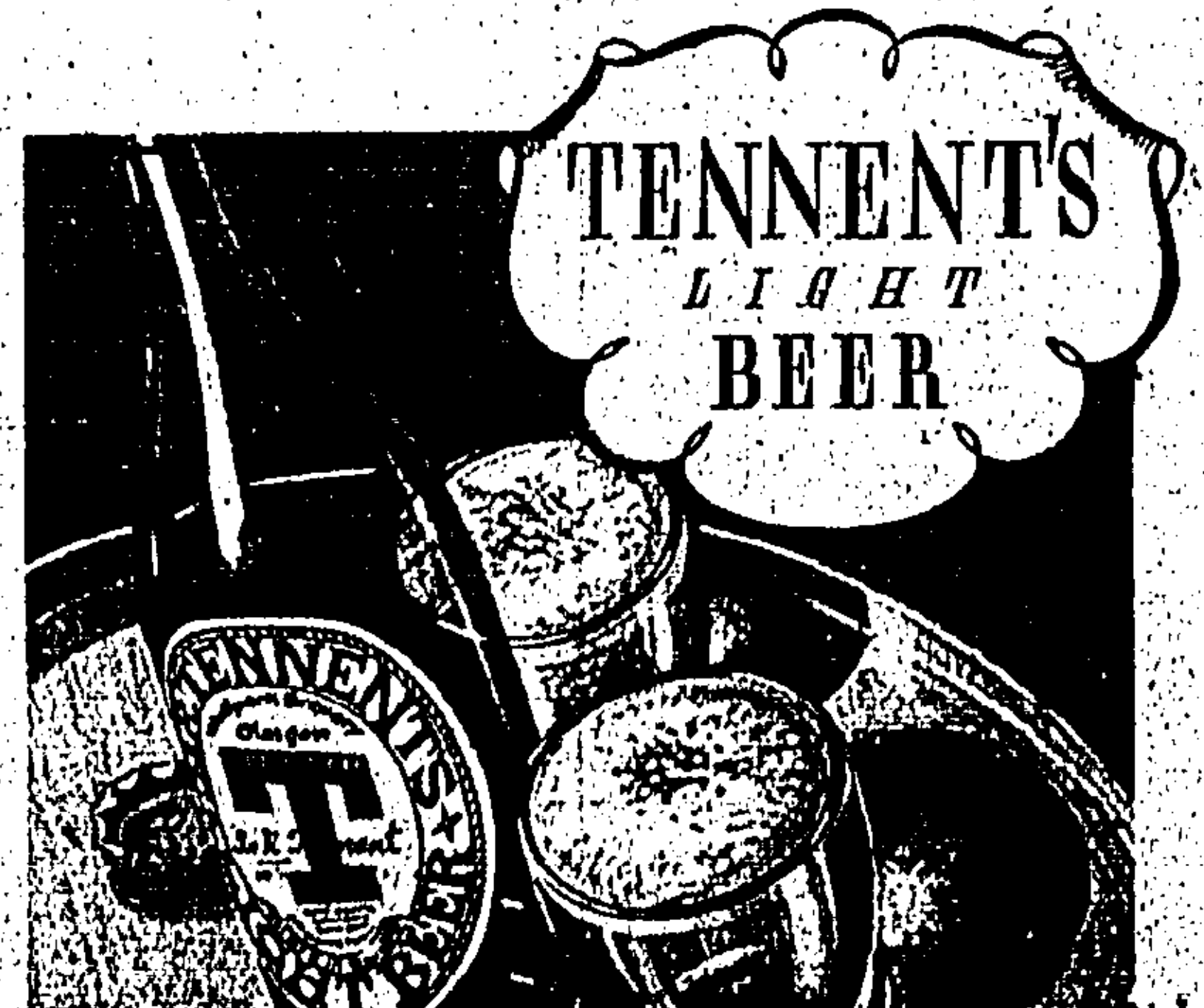
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DR. W. R. INGE speaks out on THE CAPTIVE GERMAN GENERALS

Are We To Make Them Martyrs?

[The British Government has announced that Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch, von Rundstedt and von Manstein, and Colonel-General Strauss, are to be tried as war criminals.]

DURING the Nuremberg trial I wrote an article, which was not generally approved, suggesting that the war criminals should be held up to public detestation and then amnestied.

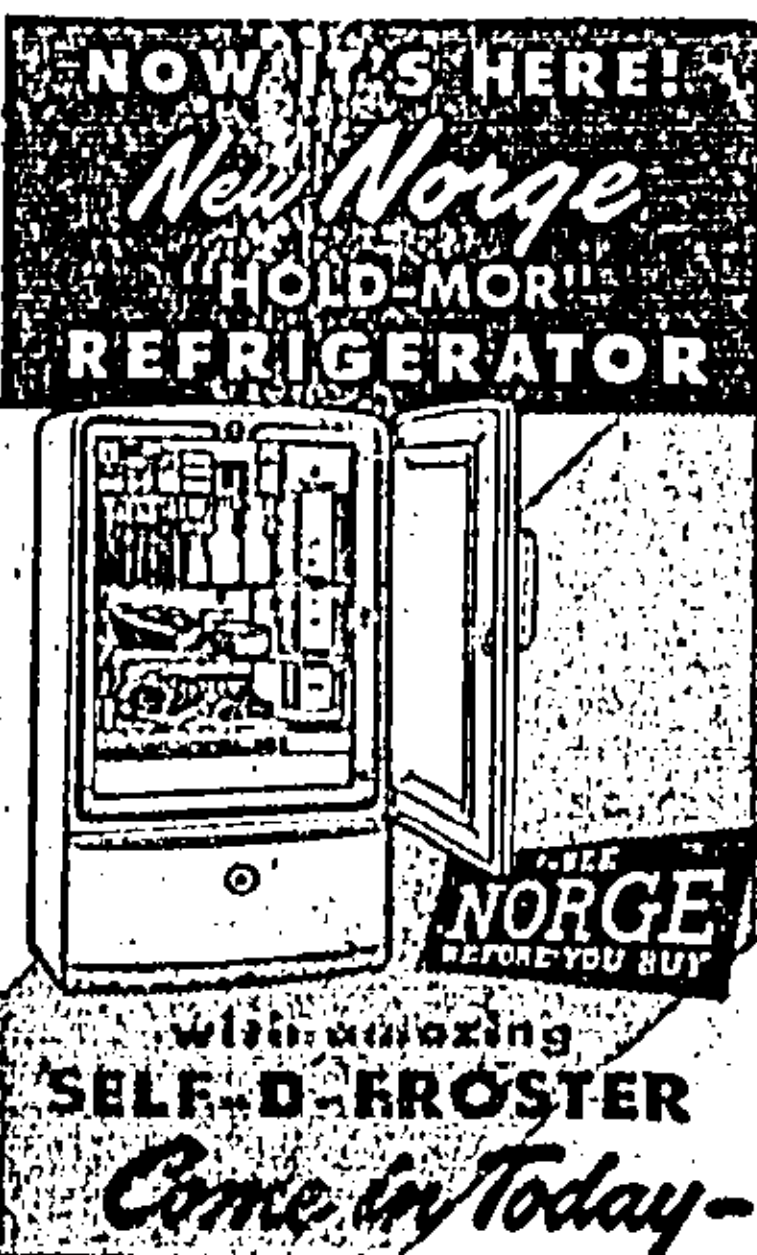
It seemed to me that the victor nations were not the proper people to act as judges, and (though I did not say so) that one of the nations represented on the bench ought certainly to have been in the dock.

To execute the leaders of a conquered nation was considered proper in ancient Rome. The captive king or chief was carried to triumph through the streets in Rome, and while the victorious general went to offer thanks to the gods on the Capitol, the prisoner was dragged off to a dungeon and there strangled.

NOT DONE

IS not this one of the things that are "not done"? Blucher swore that he would shoot Napoleon if he caught him, but he would hardly have done so. The answer is that the Germans had violated every law of humanity. It will be remembered that in 1914-18 war Lord Bryce was chairman of a commission to report on the German atrocities in Belgium. I said to him, "Surely these stories cannot be true?" He replied gravely, "The Germans are doing things that have not been done in civilised warfare for centuries."

In the late war they were ten times worse. No pity need be wasted on the Jew-baiter and some others who were hanged at Nuremberg. But I think Keitel and Jodl should have been spared.



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It is not usual to shoot a soldier for carrying out the cruel orders of a superior officer. History shows that the worst tyrants have never had any difficulty in finding torturers and executioners. Even a madman like Ivan the Terrible could torture, mutilate and kill his subjects by the thousand, and he died in his bed. Justice demands that only those who are really responsible should be punished, and that no prisoner should be kept an unduly long time in captivity before his trial.

SHOCKING

THE treatment of four prominent German generals has shocked almost everybody. Three and a half years have passed since the end of the war. The alleged culprits had nothing to do with concentration camps; they were among the most distinguished commanders of the German armies.

Liddell Hart, who visited them, spoke of them with respect and liking. Of course the prosecution may bring to light actions to their discredit. There must be grounds for their harsh treatment. But they have not yet been found guilty and many

will think that they have been very ungenerously used.

It is not only a matter of justice, though this ought to be our first consideration. In making peace after a war, the most important thing is not to leave in the minds of the losers a rankling sense of unfair treatment, which will almost certainly lead to another war of revenge.

Lord Castlereagh, in a famous letter to Lord Liverpool, laid down this principle, which we happily observed in our dealings with France after Waterloo; and we have had peace with France ever since.

Bismarck, against his better judgment, yielded to the demand to annex Alsace and Lorraine. In consequence, France and Germany have belaboured each other like a pair of flagrant monks, and each time the slogger has had his revenge on the flogger.

After the first Great War we most foolishly insisted on the Germans signing the war-guilt confession, which they resented deeply. I asked Lord Haldane whether he thought this fair, and he said: "The main guilt rests with Germany and Austria,

though the German Government did not wish for war. They drove Russia into a position from which, as they ought to have known, Russia could not retreat."

But certain secret treaties published by the Bolsheviks proved that the Central Powers were not the only culprits.

The second war is now an old story. The Germans will be ashamed of Hitler and his gang, unless they are encouraged to make martyrs of them.

SOUND POLICY

OUR present Government will guarantee the lives of nobody except murderers. They are charming humanitarians; so were Robespierre and his friends; but is not a German a man and a brother?

If you begin by assuming that human nature is innocent, says Anatole France, you will end by wanting to kill all who do not agree with you. We have not yet studied sufficiently the psychology of men in the mass, who are subject to epidemics during which they behave like devils.

Perhaps we should remember the words, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," saith the Lord. As a nation, we have short memories; we like to forgive and forget. It is sound policy as well as Christian principle.

AMERICA'S WAR PLANTS GET 'PHANTOM ORDERS'

NEW YORK.

WHEN war came to America that Sunday afternoon in 1941, manufacturers of all manner of things that were going to be needed hurried home from their golf clubs and took the next aeroplane to Washington.

Overnight, every hotel in town filled up; it was hard to battle one's way through the ante-rooms of any Government department among the crowd clamouring for a hearing.

Often it took weeks before the factory owner whose products were vitally needed was told what he should make, how he should finance it, where he was to get the extra manpower, and where he should send the stuff when it was made.

Under a plan which is going into effect here within the month this will not be allowed to happen again if there should be a World War III.

THE fact that Washington is preparing industrially for another war does not mean that America is convinced there is going to be one. It does mean that if it comes the American industrial machine will start to roll from the first day.

Within a few days the first of a long string of "phantom orders" will go out from Washington to selected war

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factories all over the country. They will enable the manufacturers to see what may one day be expected of them and to make their preparations now. If war comes, a simple telegram will transform the phantom orders into hard orders backed by cash.

The moment that telegram is delivered the manufacturer will be expected to get started—fast.

FIRST step in the phantom order programme—which will run into thousands of millions of dollars within six months—will concern machine-tools. This industry will serve as an example that will be repeated in many others.

Some 300 machine-tool makers—ranging from monster firms in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and Pittsburgh, down to small-town firms with only a score or two of employees—will shortly receive phantom orders for at least 100,000 types of machine tools costing—if they

were to be paid for—between \$175,000,000 and \$250,000,000. This is nearly half the annual output of the United States at the busiest period of World War II.

Following closely behind these quoted "orders" will come others for a thousand additional items needed in war.

The manufacturer receiving a phantom order will first be asked to come to Washington for consultation on his factory's capacity and asked for suggestions on what he thinks it can make best.

The phantom order, once received, will tell him precisely what he will have to make when the go-ahead signal comes. It will tell him how many he will make, where he will deliver and when, and just what payment he will get. Each of the 300 machine-tool firms has already been circumscribed and asked how many machines of specific types it could turn out within a year if a start were made tonight.

Those who receive a phantom order will be expected to go ahead as if they were actually going to fill it. They will be expected to work out what new machinery they themselves would need if their order were being filled; how many extra hands they would need, where they could be found, where they would go for the steel, how much of their work they would send to subcontractors.

ABOVE all, they will be expected to know to a day how long it would take to convert their factory from its existing job to the wartime

DISABLED MEN BUILD THEIR OWN FACTORY

By PETER LOVEGROVE

HALF a dozen ex-servicemen disabled in World War II are putting the finishing touches to a new factory they have erected in Bristol in six months at one third of the expense that it would have cost to be professionally built.

These men, two of whom lost a leg and all green to the trade, have shown magnificent determination in refusing to allow their wartime injuries to get them down.

Erected in Brook Road, Montpelier, the new factory is made of brick, with an asbestos roof, and has three bays with domed roofs and big sliding doors. An extension of the main Lord Roberts Memorial Workshop, which has been operating since July 1947, it will be used for the assembly of light metal bedsteads and will provide work for some 30 disabled ex-servicemen who are not adaptable to other types of work.

"The men have done a fine job," I was told by 42-year-old Leslie Hill, manager of the Bristol workshop, who designed the extension, helped to dig the foundations and lay the bricks. "Though not a professional architect or builder—he is a cabinet maker and high-class joiner by trade—Mr Hill undertook the job when he realised the difficulties and delays in getting the job done independently."

MEN TURNED AWAY

"We could only get a licence for a small factory initially," he explained, "and we had to turn men away because there was no room for them. We applied for bigger premises, but all we were offered was an army hut. We took one look at it, and decided to go ahead and build our own factory."

"We're all mucking in together and putting as much time in as we can. We have worked a five-day week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, but the men volunteered to do a full day on Saturdays as well."

Working on the site with him were Arthur Weeks, one-time private in the Somerset Light Infantry; 42-year-old Paddy Cosgrave, ex-leading airfitter in the RAF, who suffers from loss of memory; ex-Regular Bill Tyler, who served in the Palestine campaign of 1936-38 and in Burma in World War II and whose left leg was amputated below the knee; 31-year-old Alf Tyler, formerly of the Gloucester Regiment; ex-minor and sergeant in the Somerset Light Infantry Bill Gumbleton, who suffers from heart trouble and has a 50 percent disability pension; Aherne, once a private in the 10th Gloucesters; and foreman-instructor C. N. Austin, who lost a leg in Italy while fighting with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

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Weeks, Cosgrave, and Bill Tyler ("you should have seen him shining up and down ladders with his artificial leg," said the manager) did the ordinary manual work and laid the bricks. Alf Tyler and Gumbleton made and fitted all the woodwork and windows. Aherne did the plastering and concreting, while Austin supervised much of the work and set the levels.

The main factory is concerned with cabinet-making, wood-machinery, French polishing and cellulose, and over £3,000 worth of its goods have been sold to the public since it opened.

"The men come in for six months' training under craftsmen supervising," explained Mr Hill, "during which time they are paid the rates obtaining in Government training centres. At the end of the six months, they are paid trade union rates of pay as competent craftsmen. (Continued on Page 14)

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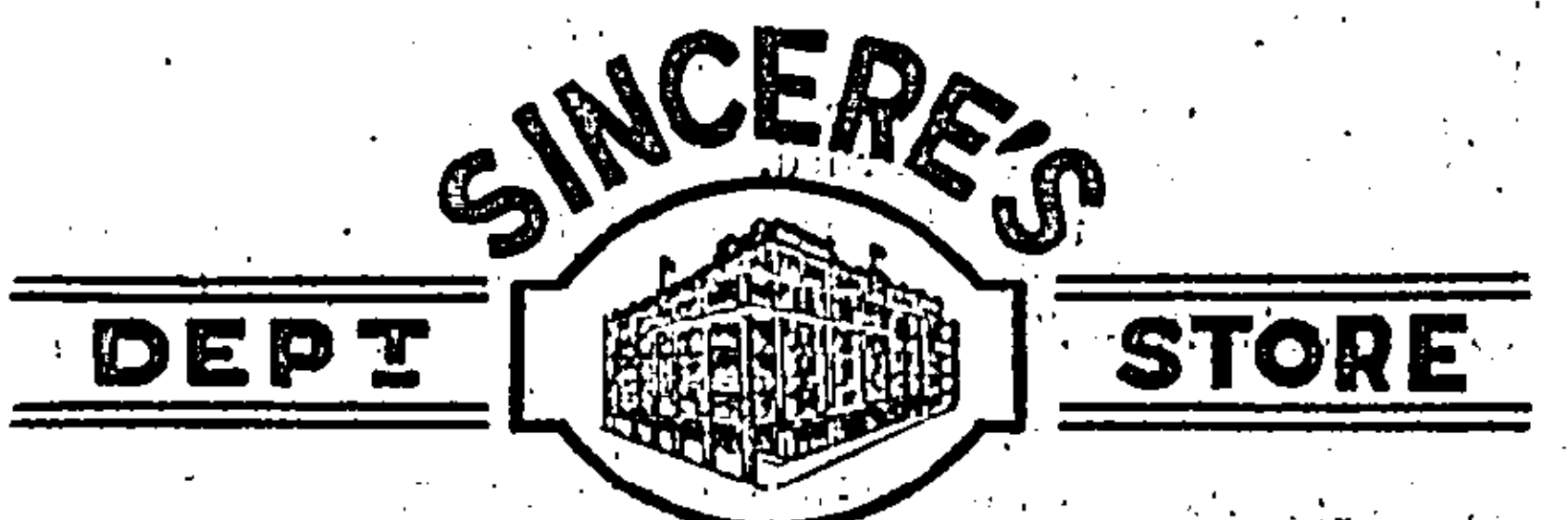
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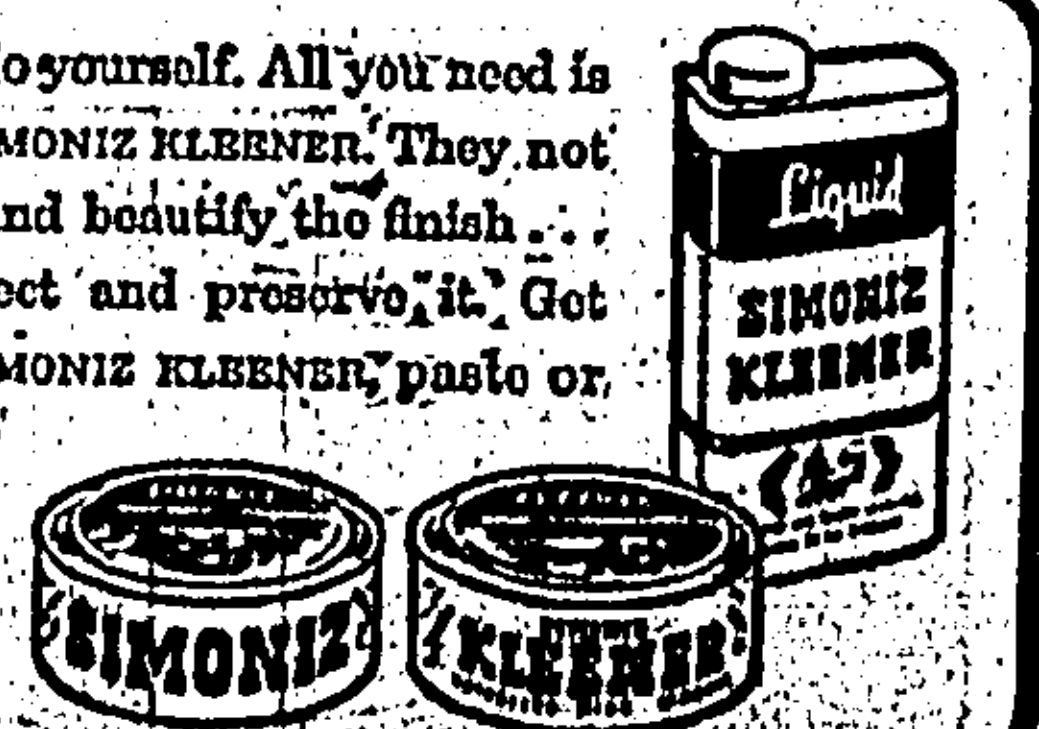
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NEW FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON

By "SEE TEE"

The Association Football season 1948-49 begins this afternoon with four First Division and six Second Division matches. Tomorrow's programme includes two senior and three junior games.

There are important changes in the membership of the Hongkong Football Association League. In the Senior section a notable absentee is Sing Tao; while the Army, instead of having three units competing separately in the First Division, has entered one combined team, with representation in the Second Division also.

The South China Athletic Association has been permitted to enter two teams in the First Division.

After the excitement of last week-end's Seven-a-Side matches, which produced much variety of play, local football is now preparing to settle down to another full season.

While it is difficult to forecast future form until five or six league matches have been played, there is reason to believe that the Seven-a-Side tournament casts a noticeable shadow.

Kowloon Motor Buses' success in winning the Stanley Seven-a-Side Shield was the reward of good football and cohesive teamwork, blurred only occasionally by a tendency to play to the gallery while the issue was still open.

The Army, who were handicapped by sickness and injury, showed that they are going to be a considerable force in local football. Much depends, however, on their ability to blend their players into a team.

There were many occasions last season when the Royal Navy, whose First Division team was drawn from many different units (after the manner in which the Army will be or-

ganised this season), fielded eleven good footballers only to find that they began to play as a team in the last few minutes of their games.

There will be notable absences from the Royal Air Force team. The genial and speedy Sewell will be much missed.

Although new faces will be seen in the Club's ranks many of last season's stalwarts will be doing duty again. The attack will be much strengthened and speeded-up by the introduction of Kierman (now no longer in the Army), but defensive weaknesses are still puzzling the selectors.

This afternoon's big crowd will be at Caroline Hill for the meeting of South China's "B" team and Kit-chee, last season's football league champions.

St Joseph's and Eastern should provide first exciting football at the Club Ground. The Saints bent nineteen 4-3 in the corresponding match last season.

At Boundary-street the Club open their season with a tough "away" match. Chinese Athletic beat the Club 3-0 and 4-1 in their league meetings last season.

SEE TEE'S SERIES ON

The Laws Of Association Football

13.—IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS

A fortnight ago I promised to deal with the important amendments to Law 12, which outlines the different kinds of offences for which indirect and direct free kicks and penalty kicks may be awarded.

Perhaps the most important addition to the law is under "(a)" in which is introduced the phrase "attempts to kick or strike—"

In addition to bringing this phrase into the sections of the law the text of it now shows very clearly which are the offences for which a penalty kick may be awarded.

In the past these were detailed under "Advice to Referees" and did not appear in ordinary publications because they were not included in the text of the law.

The text of Law 12 now includes the following:—

"A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty area is committed, but it shall be awarded only for the following nine offences, intentionally committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area:—

- (1) Handling the ball;
- (2) Holding an opponent;
- (3) Striking or attempting to strike an opponent;
- (4) Pushing an opponent;
- (5) Tripping an opponent;
- (6) Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent;
- (7) Jumping at an opponent;
- (8) Charging violently, etc.;
- (9) Charging from behind."

The important difference deals with offences which, fortunately, do not occur frequently. In the past if a player struck a blow at an opponent and the blow was avoided, i.e., it did not land, it could not be said that the player

was guilty of "striking an opponent."

Just as in boxing an attempt at a blow may be discounted if it does not land (is not delivered), so, in the past, the soccer Referee was not authorised to award a penalty-kick or a direct free-kick against a player who tried to strike or kick an opponent.

The introduction into Law 12 of "attempting to strike" and "attempting to kick" provides a further check to the hot-headed player.

Fortunately such incidents do not often disgrace football. Nevertheless, it is clearly a good thing that the remedy is there in the hands of the Referee for this, coupled with the fact that "a player shall be ordered off the field if he is guilty of violent conduct" shows plainly that association football today is well guarded against those who would spoil it.

LAST WEEK'S POSER

Last week's poser was designed to draw attention to a wrong idea which is often being repeated and accepted as authentic. It was suggested recently that "arguing with the referee" can now lead to a free-kick; my question was whether this was new, i.e., whether, in the past, players could argue with the Referee.

The answer is very simple. For the past 20 years at least the laws have contained the statement that a player shall not by word or action show dissent from any decision given by the Referee.

If necessary the Referee could award a free-kick for such conduct, and the law has contained that authority for many years.

... AND THIS WEEK'S

Aware that his opponents may be penalised for dangerous play, should they attempt to kick the ball from his hands, a goal-keeper stands with the ball held between his two hands and offers it to the attacking centre forward.

The centre forward, however, tries to charge the "keeper into the goal. He does not do so, but in avoiding the charge the goal-keeper is forced to make half a dozen steps, still holding the ball. What should be the Referee's action in such an instance?

CLEVELAND PITCHER DON BLACK INJURED



Don Black, Cleveland Indians pitcher, is shown with his hand to his head after being injured in the second inning of Cleveland-St. Louis game in Cleveland.

A "lumbar puncture" later was performed on the player's spine and fluid drawn out.

Physicians declined to say how serious his condition was. Black twisted his neck in hitting a foul ball. Coach Bill McKechnis is shown with Black, while Umpire Bill Summers stands near by. Player No. 10 is Lex Moss of the Browns.—AP Wire-photo.

SOFTBALL CHATTER

By "SPECTATOR"

Third Post-War Pennant Race Gets Set For The Gun

The third post-war pennant race gets set for the gun. The new League season makes a start with a flourish of trumpets on Sunday next week. A 20-piece band leads a march past of all players in the usual Opening Day ceremony to spearhead the re-start of ball playing.

The "cream" of talent, the "darlings of the diamond," the "brains and brawns" will all be there for the occasion. Not all will actually play. The battling spotlight will be beamed on the defending senior champions, St Joseph's, and Club de Recreio, arch rivals, who are matched in the season's opener that should be an eye-opener in scintillating play.

It does appear that softball has come home to roost. After a highly sloppy start after the re-occupation, the last season was, comparatively, a marked success. This time, indications are that things are getting even better. More teams have entered the three competitions as a whole. Twelve squads are to compete in the men's "A" division, eight in the "B" and four in the Women's Division.

The beautiful Madcaps Aces and Bees have faded out this season and the Pirates (unknown quality or quantity), managed by Rennie Remedios, are to vie for feminine superiority. The other weaker (?) sex contingents are little holders Whittos, under brain-storm Hal Winglee, the Canadians, steered by Alice Mar, the all-rounder, and Prexy Doc Molthen's fighting, colourful Wildcats.

There is new added interest in the Seniors. A welcome return to force are the all-U.S. All-American and all-Indian Khalsa. Then the Chinese, who prefer football, are well represented with two teams participating—Chung Wah, under popular Dick Chung, and Overseas Chinese, a team of keen youngsters. Their inclusion in the softball fold will give the game enhanced support from the predominant "masses" of China.

Bob McGowan is running the All-American. The name sounds sure impressive—still, we'll see.

DARK HORSE

This year's darkhorse is the Khalsa, force of hockey fame. Manager of this new squad is "Sloppy Giant" Narinder Singh, who may lend his two-ton to the Indian machine when thought necessary. Leading this hard-hitting bunch of youngsters on the field is dashing Captain Barney Abbas, who, together with Skelly Razack, S. K. Khan and Z. A. Abbas, form a formidable bulwark. This is going to be the team to upset lots of apples. More is to be heard of them.

The keepers of the Major League Shield, the mighty Saints, have voted a brand new manager, none other than versatile A. J. Hussain. Dame Misfortune is dogging the champs. Former Big Chief Stan Leonard is a doubtful starter and ace hurler Jack Brown has walked out. Still, it is too early to weigh the Saints' chances of retaining the coveted Doc Molthen Shield.

The title had been "so near and yet so far apart" to Recreio. Always a formidable outfit, they had previously come to within a stone's throw of it, only to fall for some reason or the other.

Is it too many cooks or "master-minds" spoil the soup? Tony Gon-salves has again been given the nod

to be at the helm. Words go round that the big-hitter brothers, Bertie and Lino Gosano, are returning to the Rambling Rec camp. That should boost slugging strength which had been wanting.

Big Bill Woo, as per custom, will be sending out a powerful Canadian combination. Last season's sensational Madcaps, the giant-killers, are out for blood again under the able guidance of Buster Hollands.

The jolly gang of swimmers from VRC who did not care two hoots about results last term may have to behave differently for managerial old-timer Charlie Aguiarado "rules" with an iron fist. There are some of the most promising players in the side, sprinkled with old hands, and they are expected to shine.

Music-maker Fred Diesta leads the Filipinos and the merry-making Hongkong Baseballers of Doc Molthen form another battle squad. Jack Dempsey's Police will be indulging in lots of leather chasing inside of crook hunting for yet another season. They did plenty of it last season and will get more practice without much hope—not that they care—of winning.

In the Juniors, the champion Braves enter the arena with confidence galore against apparently weaker squads. But, of course, this is the ball game and anything can happen.

BY THE WAY...

The Management is still having difficulty getting venues for its League games. The CBA ground, as good as the next, has been made available again Saturday and Sunday afternoons. But there will be a good number of fixtures to be played off and one ground cannot accommodate all of them. Will it be asking too much of clubs and associations to extend a helping hand to a "worthy cause?"

The Opening is to be held on the CBA ground. Club de Recreio was approached, as usual, for use of their field for the occasion because it is bigger. "No" was the answer. "Surely the ground could be spared just one day," they say. "We'll get 'em. When the Rec want to play their games at 'home' they can keep on wanting." But, surely, it's not as serious as all that?

Last season's Association Secretary Hal Winglee has resigned from a job he did exceedingly well. His untiring work, many will concede, contributed much to bringing the League to its present popularity. Tony Ribeiro, Hal's successor, knows his job and the association is lucky at that.

"Fed up," said Hal, when asked why he quit. He must have good reasons. Is there too much argument amongst the management? Are members prejudiced, biased? May be a "warning" at this stage is not out of place. One cannot help recalling some peculiar incidents of protest and defiance of last season. Let's play to win of course, but not by any means!

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

First Finals At The VRC Tonight

By "RECORDER"

The first night's programme of finals in the Colony Swimming Championships will be decided at the Victoria Recreation Club pool today with three defending champions in five events.

The first final on the programme will be the only one that misses a defending champion. Lal Tsun's Yau Sai-kwan, the holder, is not competing.

The other four of last year's finalists are all in with VRC hopes, pinned on a much improved Sunny Monteiro who returned the best heat time of 2 mins. 31 secs., not fast enough to make the prize bracket in last year's final but two-fifths of a second faster than the other heat-winning time returned by Lai Tsun's Lau Tai-ping who was second last year.

The other two old-timers who have kept their places are two of this event's evergreens, VRC's Wilfred Lawrence and Lai Tsun's Chan Chun-nam. The newcomer in this final is Eastern's Cheung Kin-man.

Next on the programme is the Women's 100 Yards Breast Stroke Championship from which the defending champion, Heather Anderson, has stepped out, leaving the race to the Danish star, Mrs Lykke Rose, whose only opponent will be Miss Wong Yuk-bing of Lai Tsun.

The Championship record should fall with a clatter in this event and the Colony record, perhaps, as well.

New Championship final is the Men's Fancy Diving in which Wong Sik-hon is expected to be spectacular but to fall short on the points against veterans Lionel Roza Pereira and Ed da Roza. The fourth finalist is Wong King-woon of Eastern.

RACE OF THE EVENING

Then comes the Women's 50 Yards Back Stroke. Here the de-

fending champion, Shauna Anderson, has not backed out while her sister, Heather, is in too despite the Rose menace.

This should produce one of the fastest races the Colony has yet seen in this event and a new Championship record.

THE BACK STROKE

Fourth championship event to be decided tonight is the Men's 100 Yards Back Stroke with A. V. Lopes, the holder, hot favourite to remain the reigning champion.

Lopes, who won in 70.2 seconds last year, returned this year's best heat time in 71.8 seconds, far ahead of Wilfred Lawrence's 74 seconds in winning the other heat.

A. K. Rumjahn, who was second last year, finished behind Lawrence and is considered to have fallen far off his last year's form. The other two finalists are Cheung Wan-lam (Eastern) and C. A. Guterres (VRC), both newcomers to this final.

The last Championship event on the programme is the 200 Yards Free Style Relay. Last year a Victoria Recreation Club four managed the distance in an average of 26.1 seconds a leg.

The standard at the VRC has improved but the Club has decided on having a nice intra-home crowd struggle in this event and is split up into three teams with Eastern and Hongkong University providing the opposition.

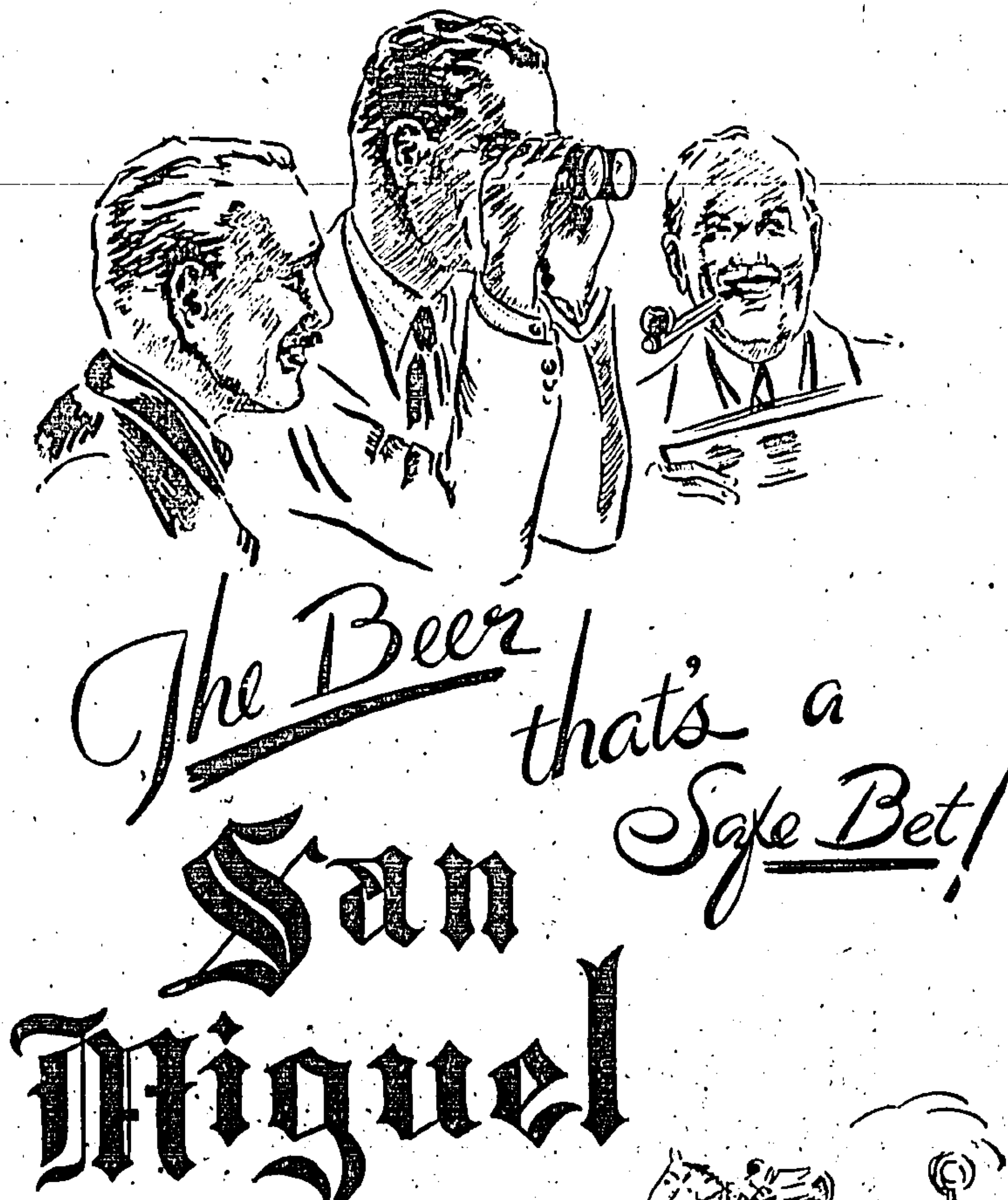
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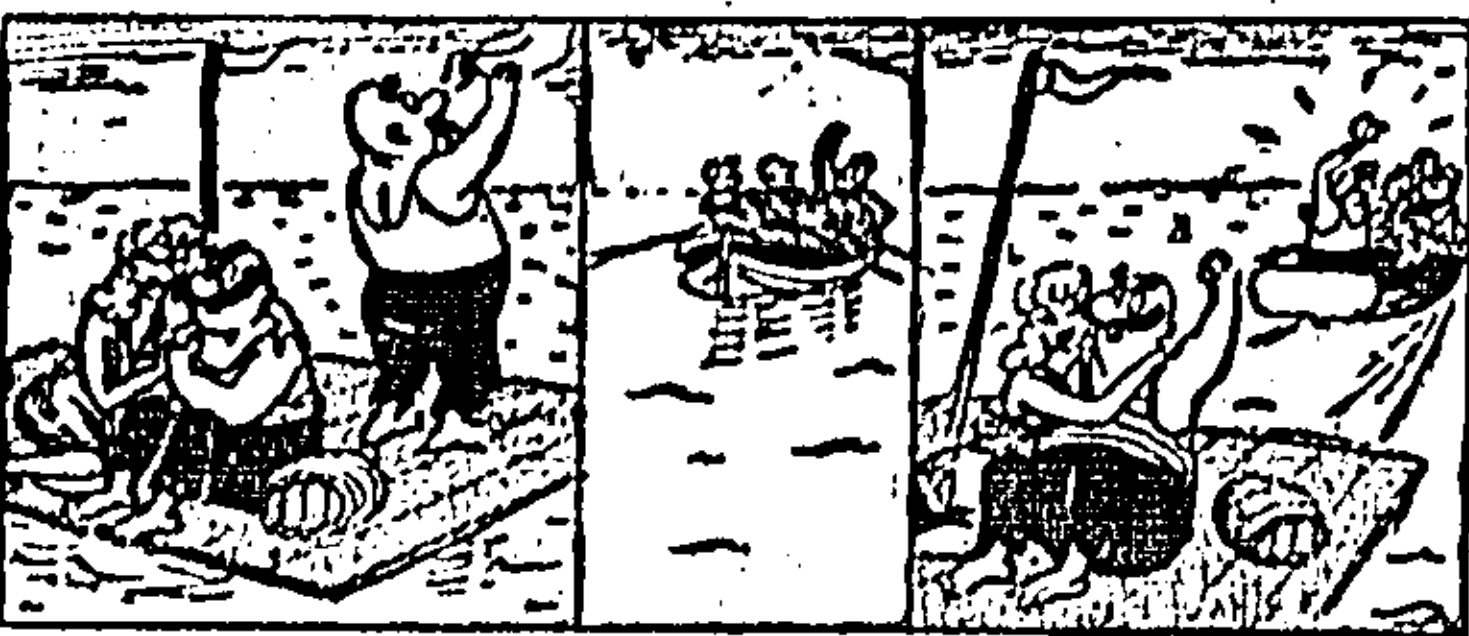
SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



DAB and FLOUNDER.

by WALTER



FROM HERE AND THERE:

PRETTY SINISTER PEN PALS

Toronto—A warning against "pretty sinister pen pals" in Soviet-dominated Europe who wrote to Canadians for strategic information about the Arctic was given by an External Affairs Department spokesman. He said "a gentleman in Vienna" wrote to Canadian outposts asking for postcards of harbour views in exchange for scenes of Vienna, and others asked for road maps and tourist information. A Canadian telephone company had several requests from people in Russian-occupied Germany for Canadian telephone books. He said: "It shows how careful you have to be. There is something pretty sinister when pen pals start asking for harbour views of Arctic posts."

New Comet

Pretoria—A new comet with a double nucleus photographed from Johannesburg by the Yale-Columbia Professor C. Jackson, has now been seen through the largest telescope in the southern hemisphere at the Radcliffe Observatory, Pretoria. It is at present invisible to the naked eye, but Professor Jackson says it has a fan-shaped tail and an unusual looking nucleus with a double head. "I have never seen anything like it," he says, and now will begin photographing every night for calculations.

Toothy Tale

Johannesburg—While demonstrating in a billiard saloon how easily he could put a billiard ball in his mouth, a player found he could not get the ball out again. A dentist had to be summoned to extract four front teeth before the ball could be removed.

Tea-Time Topic

New York—In 1773 the Massachusetts Bostonians disguised as Red Indians, threw English tea into the sea and started America's revolution. Today there is a sign on Boston's common: "Boston Tea Party in reverse. Keep the pot boiling." It is part of a campaign to send food parcels to Boston in England—parcels which include tea.

The Drink Question

Wellington, New Zealand—The Maoris want the same facilities for getting a hangover as Europeans. Sixty Maoris have petitioned Parliament for the repeal of all distinction between Maoris and Europeans under the licensing law. The present law prohibits the sale of liquor to Maoris for consumption outside public houses. The most

hurt are the members of the famous Maori battalion who do not share the privileges of their European comrades in arms.

Arty-Crafty

New Jersey—Art for Art's sake is now the rule in New Jersey prisons since they discovered that Edwin Becker, a professional writer in on a bad cheque charge, has made about £8,750 on magazine articles from his cell.

Bogus New

New York—Dogsnapers entered the English language and the life of Marco, a black-faced, eight-month-old Pekinese when they phoned magazine editor Richardson Wright to "put up as much money as you can pay" for Marco's ransom.

Canadian Black-Out

Ottawa—The whole of the province of Ontario will be blacked out this autumn and winter because of lack of electric power. All street lighting, outdoor electric advertising signs and display window lighting will be turned off for the second year in succession. Reason is the lack of summer rainfall in the northern rivers, where most of the electric power supplied to Canada's largest province is generated. At the same time power to industry is to be rationed. Fivers in the northland are at record low levels, and many have almost dried up following the unusually hot summer.

Hot Lectures

New York—New York University, which values quiet and lacks classrooms for its 60,112 regular and night school students, rented a negro night club for its Monday evening courses in basic jazz and American folk music. In Cafe Society Downtown, the birthplace of boogie-woogie, students will hear jazz players make hot music, and listen to critics and historians lecture on its origins and meaning. During classes, from 6 to 8.15 p.m., the cafe's kitchen and bar will be closed.

But No Antelope

New York—Teen-age huntress Elaine Monesmith, who shoots left-handed, bagged two elephants, a lion, five leopards and three hippopotamuses in the Belgian Congo. But no antelope, she explained to ship reporters on her return, because, since seeing Walt Disney's animated cartoon Bambi, the story of a deer, she cannot bear to think of hurting them.

GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON reviews the NEW BOOKS

THE GALLERY. By John Horne Burns. Secker and Warburg. 12s. 6d. 342 pages.

FOR a thousand disreputable years or so, Naples has sat by her sea, ogling the passers-by and enjoying her status as a metropolis of ill-fame.

For a much longer period, the conjunction of an idle army and a city has been recognised as a certain recipe for vice.

So nobody need have been surprised or shocked when the Allied occupation of Naples was attended by circumstances spectacular and deplorable.

John Horne Burns, if not surprised was certainly shocked. This may have been naive of him. But it has produced a book which on almost every page quivers with the sense of unbearable outrage.

How Naples corrupted the American army—and how the American army corrupted Naples. That is the theme of *The Gallery*. You can decide for yourself which side was the more to blame. Mr Burns feels that Naples had the worst of it. May be. All one would say is that Naples was in this business of corruption long before the American army.

The Gallery, after which the novel is named, is the Galleria Umberto, an arcade in the centre of the city, most of all manner of transactions, mostly immoral. It is, therefore, an inevitable part of call for Mr Burns' heroes on their voyages into love, vice and crime.

And what a collection of heroes it is! Phonies, drunkards, schizophrenics, inverses, victims of war and the pale spirochete.

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Narcissists to a man, they are forever admiring themselves in the mirrors of public lavatories and of their own, more public self-pity.

They are too eloquent, too self-conscious, too urgently communicating their sorrows to the eternal stars or the nearest bawd. But they live, they feel. They feel

LIBRARY LIST

Wonderful Mrs. Marriott. By Josephine Bell. Longmans, 9s. 6d.; 294 pages. Novel. The story of old Mrs. Marriott during the last months of her life. And the story of old Mrs. Marriott's doctors. Mrs. Marriott was a selfish and forgetful character who did not realise the harm she did.

Kaffirs Are Lively. By Oliver Walker. Gollancz, 7s. 6d.; 240 pages. The struggle of White v. Black in the Union of South Africa. Immensely topical.

The Causeway. By Winifred Lear. Macmillan, 10s. 6d.; 347 pages. A first novel laid in Camberwell, in the house of one of the most eccentric clergymen ever encountered in fiction, or even life.

The British Empire. Edited Hector Bolitho. Batsford, 21s.; 246 pages. A superbly illustrated survey, with contributions by experts.

too much? Indeed they do. Mr Burns' writing throbs with their emotions—and with the guilt-complex of the conqueror.

His picture is highly coloured. Listen. "The murmur of the sea drops like chained wolves." Bad writing? Shocking. But the badness of the too excited, the over-emphatic. A badness which makes its own savage impact upon the mind.

The Gallery is, then, a raw, remarkable novel. For if, in form, it is a collection of stories, one must nevertheless call it a novel—a novel with two chief personages locked in love and hatred, the victor race and the vanquished. Strong meat, this. A whiff of carnage in the Mediterranean air. The story called *Queen Penicillin*, describing soldiers in a clinic, might be issued as a tract by some alarmed and outspoken Ministry of Health.

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The story called *Momma* is ugly in another way, being overworked with soldiers who have wandered into the wrong sex. It is something that this overworked subject is not treated as funny.

There are also, episodes touching and tender, glimpses of love and decency, seen through the grime of starving, rapacious Naples.

THE VIXENS. By Frank Yerby. Heinemann, 10s. 6d. 326 pages.

I PREDICT for the *Vixens* a wide measure of popular success. First, because it is laid in the period of American history immediately following the Civil War. For some reason, public curiosity about the Civil War and its aftermath is insatiable.

Add that the heroine of Mr Yerby's saga is called Denise, and that she is richly, provocatively pagan, with mouth like a slash of scarlet across her dark golden face, and it will be recognised that *The Vixens* is a safe entrant for the gilt-edged class of literary investments.

The publisher lyrically remarks on the jacket, "Mr Yerby has gathered all the court cards into his hand." He certainly has been generous.

Not only has he dealt himself Denise, but he has also drawn from the pack one Laird Fournois, an insolent and raffish hero as modern taste demands. For light relief, there is Denise's naughty old

grandpapa, a Frenchman, who lends the girl improper books and, as Frenchmen in fiction do, gives her immoral advice.

Denise hardly needs the advice. With her temperament and education, she seems all set to become a high-class lady of the town of New Orleans, when Laird crosses her path again. Denise has not seen him since the days when they bathed together, naked and innocent, and, in the interval, Laird has committed the unforgivable sin. He, a man of the South, has fought for the hated shopkeepers of the North.

To Denise, as a provocative pagan, this matters not at all. Not for her the hypocries of those who have to be persuaded that Laird thought justice and humanity were on the side of the North. She remains faithful to her lover even—clever girl—during the time when she is the mistress of the elegant, serpentine Hugh Duncan, power behind the sinister Knights of the White Camellia.

Why does Denise take up with this deplorable youth? Because Laird has married Sabrina McHugh, who is lovely but mad. This latter fact goes unnoticed by Laird at the wedding ceremony, a negligence which readers are asked, of their charity, to overlook.

Sabrina's father was shot by a negro in the riot. From that moment she is terrified if she sees a negro. One day she sees an awful lot of negroes and flees towards the swamps.

So Denise and Laird can—? Yes, they can. In short, Mr Yerby has written a crude, vigorous, highly-coloured romance that moves swiftly and through plenty of excitements towards its pre-ordained end.

WAR BETWEEN CONTINENTS. By F. O. Matthiessen and E. Combau. Faber, 15s. 211 pages.

TWO authors, both colonels, splurge about the map in order to show us what a war—between "the West" and Soviet Russia might be like. It would not be pleasant, if that is any surprise to you.

Against 640-720 Russian divisions, "the Anglo-American coalition" would have a paltry 297, of whom 25 would be provided by Franco Spain. The last time Franco fought the Russians, he sent exactly one division to the front.

This is one of the rare flashes of optimism which mar the book.

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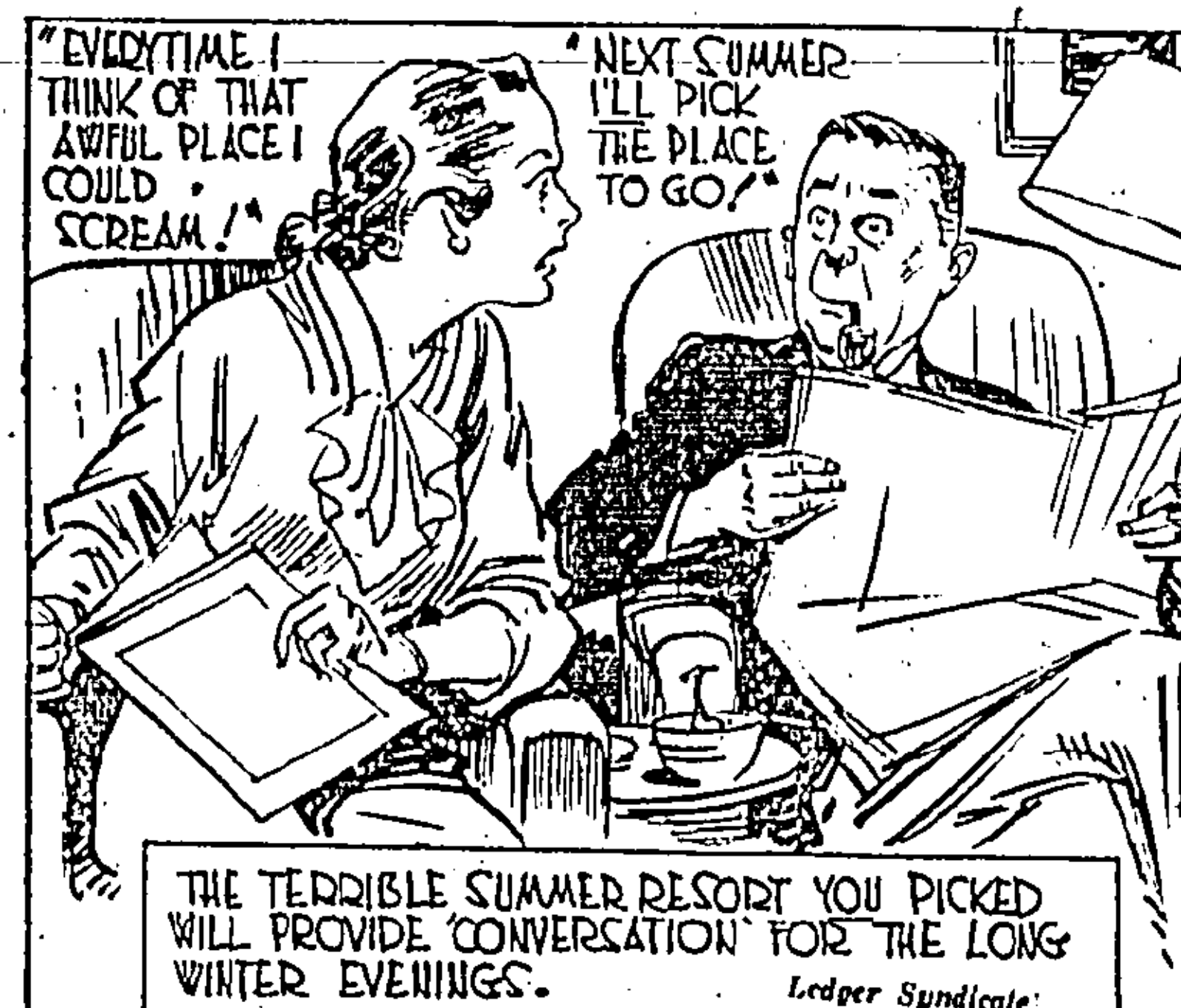
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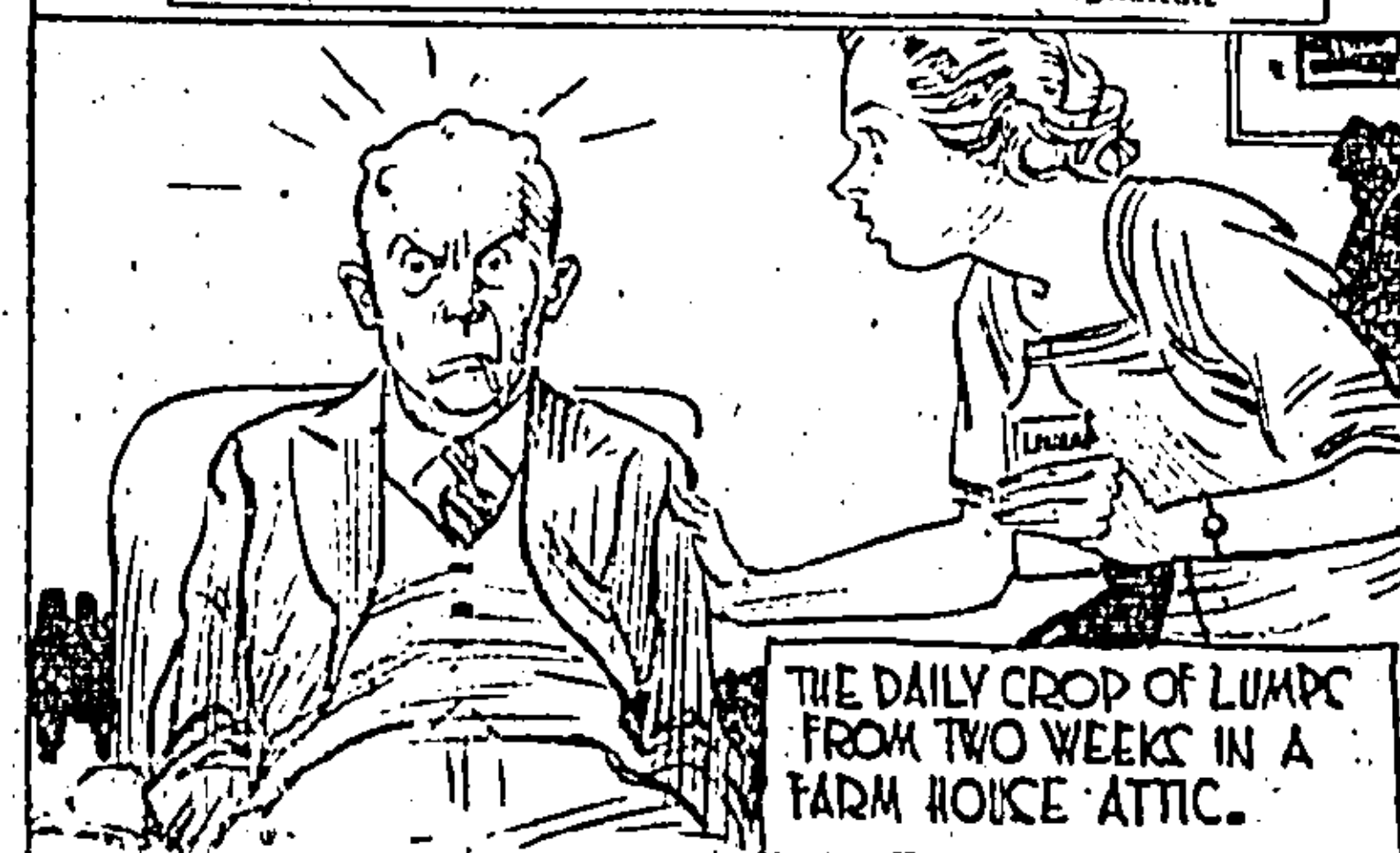
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Denny Unravels a Fire Bug Mystery . . . BY I. R. HEGEL



"There's the Yates boy now!" exclaimed the policeman.

DENNY GARRISON was sweeping the last shavings from his cellar work table when he heard the wail of a siren on Archwood drive. The next moment the basement door back of him banged open and Carl Yates rushed in. Carl's face was brick-red beneath his close-cropped yellow hair and he was panting as if he had been running at a mile-a-minute clip. "What's up?" Denny demanded.

"Mr. Mulligan—the policeman—"

caught me by the fire alarm box a second time—" Denny wrinkled his nose. "I don't get it."

"Didn't you hear the fire siren?" Carl pushed his sweater sleeve across his perspiring forehead. "This makes two false alarms on Archwood Drive in two days. The police said after the first that there's a 'bug' in the neighbourhood. They'll think it's me because I was passing the box yesterday when the firemen came clanging along. Today I was at the self-

same spot again. Hide me, Denny!"

Denny said emphatically: "Nothing doing! Look here, Carl, you were working on a model plane with me till four o'clock. You couldn't possibly have rung that alarm. Let's go and tell the policeman."

Carl pressed back against the work bench. "They won't believe us!"

"They're going to hear our story just the same," Denny declared.

HE caught hold of Carl's arm and pulled him up the basement stairs. Together the boys went out

A SHORT STORY BY I. R. HEGEL

into the sunlight of the late afternoon. A police car, the fire chief's coupe and a fire appliance were assembled at the corner of Archwood Drive and Maple Road, directly across from the alarm box in the centre of the pavement. A small group of onlookers had gathered, too. As the boys approached, Mulligan, the policeman, pointed at them and exclaimed: "There's the Yates boy now."

Carl hesitated but Denny pulled him forward to the corner.

"Carl was with me until four o'clock, Mr. Mulligan," Denny announced. "We were working on a model plane in my basement."

"So?" Officer Mulligan exclaimed with a rising inflection in his voice. The policeman was well over six feet tall and he towered above the five-foot Denny like a giant. "Now it's nice to stick up for your friends, my boy, but not when they've broken the law!"

"Carl isn't a fire bug!" Denny insisted. He glanced over at the alarm box. Something caught his eye. He raised his face, smiling confidently. "In fact, I can prove it!"

DENNY went to the alarm box. The fire chief and Officer Mulligan followed.

"The glass on the box isn't broken," said Denny.

He pointed to the little window that must be broken when an alarm is turned in. This glass had been broken by a falling tree limb two days ago but a new glass had been installed this morning.

"Now," Denny went on. "Look inside. There's the fire bug!"

Policemen, firemen and bystanders clustered around.

"Wow!" exclaimed Officer Mulligan. "Is my face red?"

Crawling over the key which operates the alarm was a centipede, better known as a "thousand-legged worm," with a pair of legs on each joint of its long body. The insect was actually turning the key as it moved and setting off another alarm.

"If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it," the fire chief declared. "Smash the glass, Mulligan. Get that fire bug out!" He chuckled, looking toward Denny and Carl. "The department owes you two fellows an apology. How about riding back to the station on the fire truck? I'll bring you both home myself."

Denny grinned. Carl nodded eagerly. When the two boys were sitting high on the hook-and-ladder truck, roaring swiftly along Archwood drive, Denny turned to the radiant-faced Carl. "Isn't this better than hiding in my cellar?" he asked jokingly. Carl wagged his head. "Boy, you said a mouthful!"

(I. R. Hegel, author of this story, adds: "If my yarn sounds like something that couldn't happen, I'd like to say that the Manchester, Ohio, fire department has a similar 'fire bug' framed at its station. So, while my story is fiction, it actually COULD happen!")

Housewives of Insect World Never Worry About The Menu

By ANNA H. SCHOONMAKER

WHILE humans fret and fume about the high cost of living, and housewives everywhere wonder what on earth to prepare for dinner to-night, millions of tiny citizens around about us are quietly laughing up their antennae.

Smacking their mandibles in anticipation, they leisurely settle themselves down to the same old menus prescribed for them by their great-great-grandmothers. Yes, whatever the problems of the insect world may be, meal-planning is not one of them.

It is not to be supposed, however, that all insects prefer the same bill-of-fare, for each separate family has its highly specialized food tastes. What's sauce for the cicada is definitely not so toothy for the cockroach.

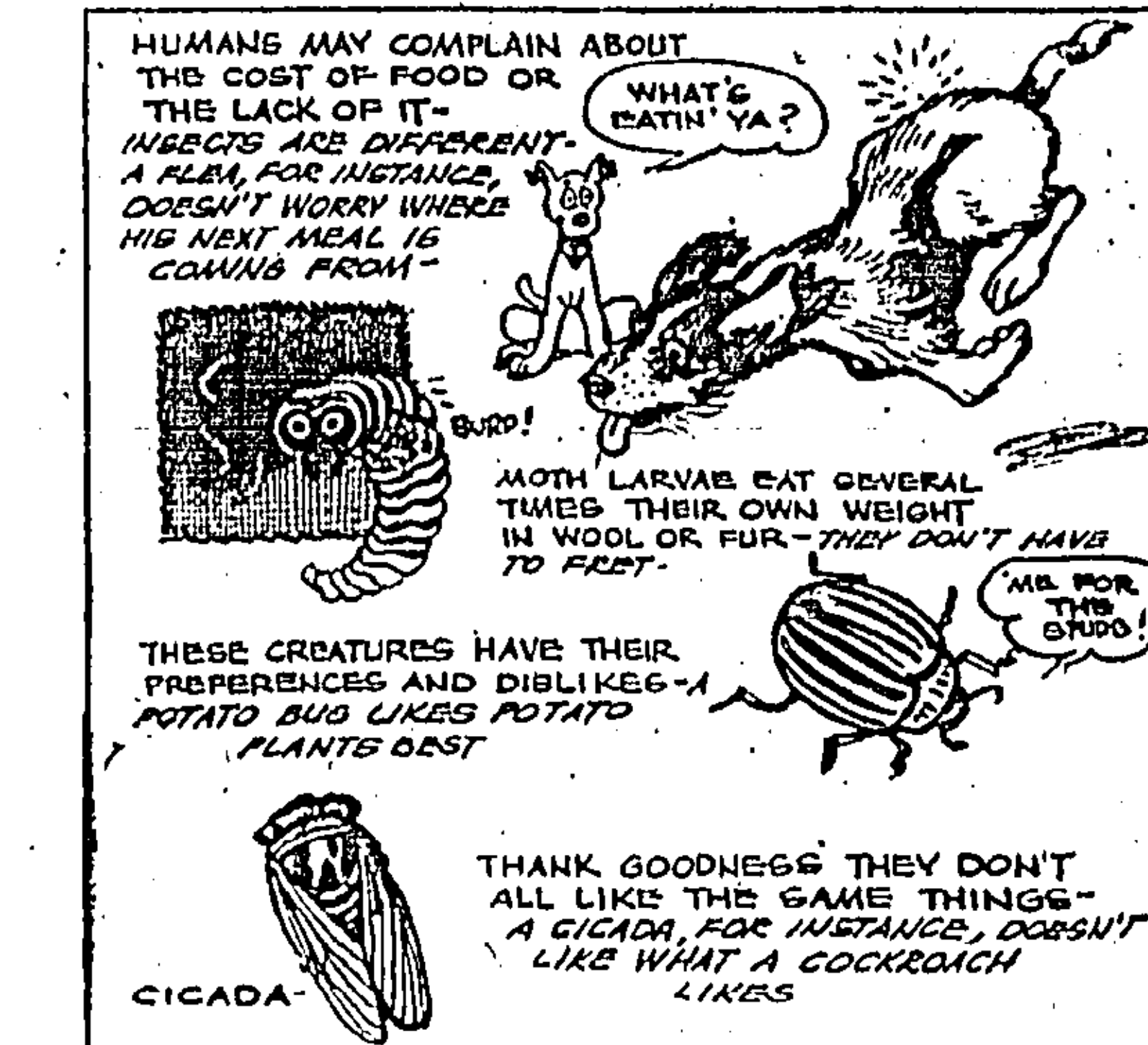
The Vegetarians

Take, for example, the vegetarians of the insect world. A striped black and yellow beetle shows a decided preference for the leaves and stems of the cucumber. The potato bug thinks there's no food quite as delicious as the potato plant. Tender young cabbage is relished by a green caterpillar, while a horn worm chooses tomatoes.

Life may be just a bowl of wild cherries to the tent caterpillar, but the cooking moth says, "Make mine apples." Plums and peaches help to satisfy the appetite of the curculio.

The grub of the capricious beetle has no place for such fancy foods in his diet. A rugged individualist, he insists that fresh sawdust is good enough for any-buggy and goes on to prove it by making it his one and only food, as he slowly bores his way into the heart of the oak.

Long ago the aphids discovered the merits of an all-liquid diet. They may not know the joys of sip-



ping cider through a straw, but lined up in "soda-fountain formation" and equipped with piercing stylets, they do a thorough job of sucking sap from plant stems.

"Give me wool, all wool—and it needn't be a yard wide either," provides Mrs. Clothing Moth as she sneaks about in your closet hunting for last year's bathing suit. Meanwhile, the silver moth may be browsing about among the books in your library. Don't let him fool you into thinking he has literary tastes, however, for he's merely preparing to enjoy his favourite meal of book-bindings.

Poultryless days are unknown in the chicken-louse family. Pa and Ma and their numerous offspring have chicken every Sunday as well as the other days of the week.

No one knows better than the wasps that adult food is not suitable for infants. So, before they gorge themselves on nectar and honey, they see to it that their

lards are well supplied with baby food in the form of grubs, worms and spiders.

Agree before humans had tested the virtues of horsemeat, the botfly had already discovered this to be the ideal food for its young.

The flea is a confirmed vampire in his tastes. He lives on blood sucked from living victims, preferably dogs and cats. But even you can be a flea's Sunday or week-day dinner.

One-Dish Meals

So the strange menus go on. Fur, feathers, cotton, wallpaper, grain, tobacco, carrion, and numerous other products go to make up the bills-of-fare of our insect friends and foes.

But no matter how much we might admire or envy the simplicity of these original "one-dish-meals," it's quite certain that things in the food line will continue pretty much the same with us. After all, a man's man (though we may be tempted to call him a house sometimes), and when it comes to dieting, an insect is just plain "bugs."

It Was a Lovely Morning

—Everyone Said So in Their Own Way—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, was taking a stroll with his good friend Ting-a-Ling. It was a beautiful morning. The sun was shining, the birds were twittering, the bees were humming, and from far off came the sound of people singing.

"Everyone is happy because it's such a beautiful morning," Knarf said.

Ting-a-Ling smiled. He was happy, too. "It's a beautiful morning indeed! It's even more than a beautiful morning. It's a good morning."

"Is that better than a beautiful morning?" asked Knarf.

Bright and Cheerful

"Oh yes," said Ting-a-Ling. "If it's good it's beautiful as well. And it's also bright and cheerful and warm and pleasant and joyful. That's why," he added as he stepped off the side of the road to pick a wild rose, "that's why everyone says Good Morning."

Just then they met a duck waddling to the pond with her ducklings.

"Quack-quack!" said the duck. "Quack-quack!" said all the ducklings.

"They didn't say good-morning," Knarf said to Ting-a-Ling after the duck and her ducklings had gone. "They just said quack-quack."

"You don't understand duck language. Quack-quack means good-morning." And Ting-a-Ling smiled again.

A little farther down the road they met a chicken and her flock of little chicks.

"Cluck-cluck!" said the chicken. "Cheep-cheep!" said the chicks.



"Quack-quack," said the duck to Ting-a-Ling.

Knarf looked at Ting-a-Ling after the chicken and her chicks had crossed the road into the grass. "Did they say good-morning, Ting-a-Ling?"

"Of course. Cluck-cluck and cheep-cheep are chicken-words for good-morning."

Other Words

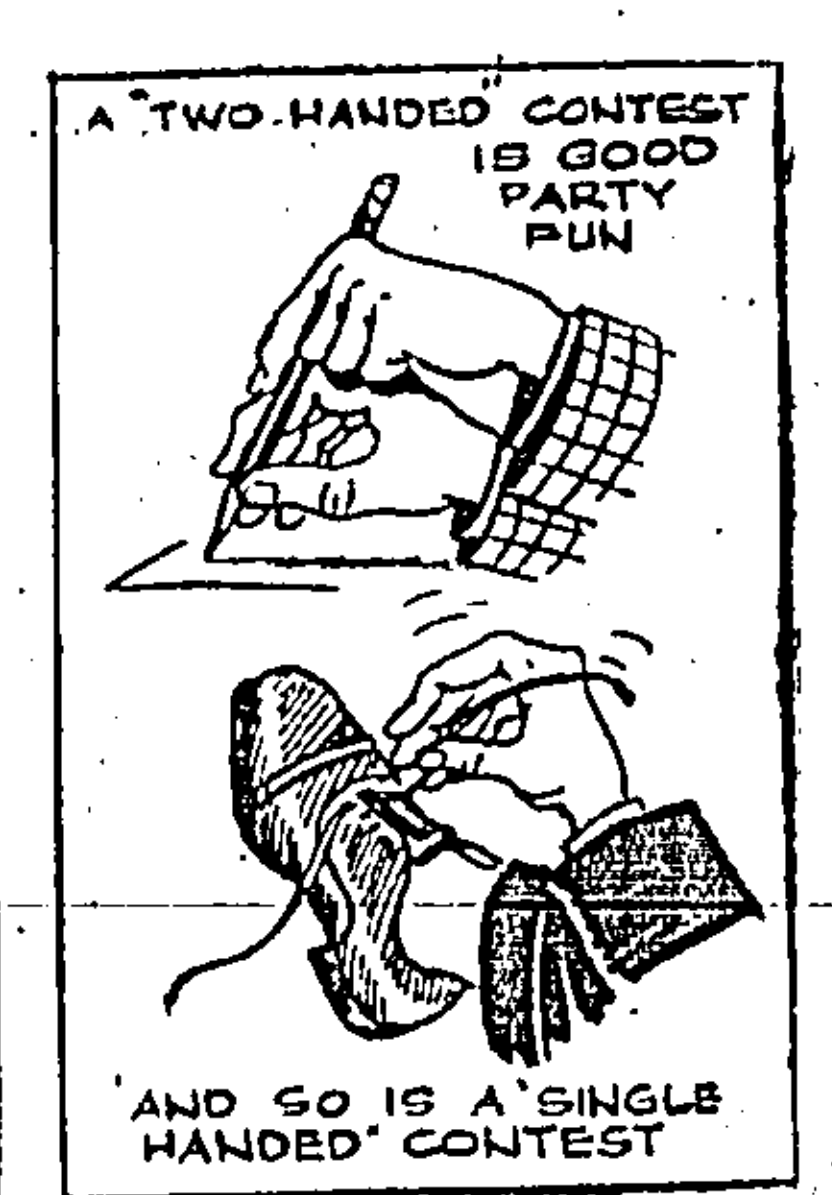
During the rest of their walk, Knarf and Ting-a-Ling heard lots of other words for good-morning.

The sheep said "Baa-baa!" The horse said "Neigh-neigh!" The cow said "Moo-moo!" The sparrow said "Chirp-chirp!"

And all along the road, every time they passed a tree, they heard the leaves whispering good-morning, good-morning.

The dandelions, the daisies and the blades of grass were the only ones who didn't seem to say it. But they nodded to Knarf and Ting-a-Ling as they passed. It was the same as saying it, Ting-a-Ling told Knarf.

HILARIOUS GAME FOR THE PARTY



By ANNETTE LINGELBACH

WHETHER you're left-handed or right-handed, it's the people who are skilled with both hands who win in this game.

A number of objects, a piece of bread, a pencil, a comb and a toy dial telephone are placed on a table. Each contestant must use one of these objects in the usual way—eating, combing, writing or dialling—but he must do it with both hands. If he forgets and uses just one hand, he loses a point.

Dialling with two fingers is awkward. But combing hair with two hands on the comb is a terrific job.

Next, the contestants must use one hand in actions that usually require both hands. This time the equipment will include shoelaces, overshoes, a needle and thread, or other items that you can think of yourself.

Lacing shoes with only one hand is a pretty difficult task and so is sewing, and putting on overshoes is a job for an expert. But the contestants must use only one hand. Using both hands counts off.

The game can be conducted on an individual or team basis. To make the game lively, have several contestants competing at once—the more the merrier.

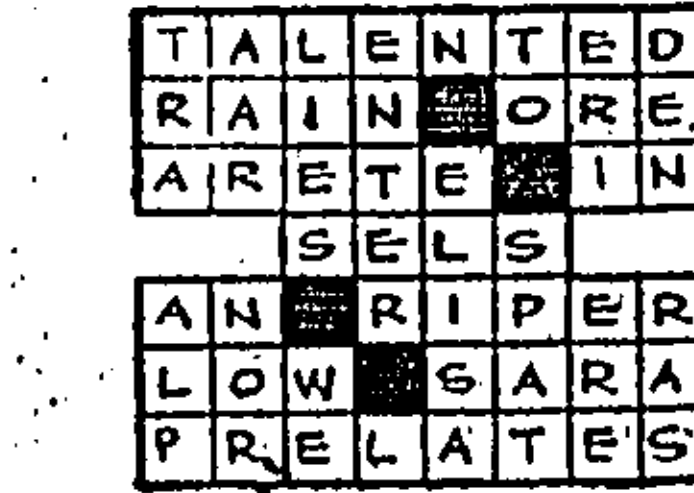
ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

RIDDLE ANSWERS: 1—Because he was an otto-man. 2—When she comes down and blows him up. 3—When it's a "phiz" (fiz). 4—Because when exposed to fire, they burn. 5—When I sing (sing) and spread it.

SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS: 1—Golfing club. 2—Squash tennis, racquets, badminton. 3—10 (on each side). 4—Basketball. 5—Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. 6—Glenview Wilson (Prince-ton). 7—Basketball. 8—Canada. 9—Tennis and bowling.

ANIMAL SQUARE: Leopard, wolf, cheetah, panther, fox, elephant, lioness, skunk.

HOMONYMS: Hair, hair, CROSSWORD:



SCRAMBLED REVERSES: Far, rap; Enid, dine, nide.

WORD DIAMOND: O AM AIDES ORDEALS NEATLY SLV S

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SPORTS QUIZ

Sports fans will make quick work of this quiz.

1. What was the nickname of football star Red Grange?
2. Name three games played with racquets besides tennis.
3. How many pieces are used in a chess game?
4. Dr. James A. Naismith was the originator of what popular game?
5. What colleges are known as Panthers and Lions?
6. What former President of the United States was once a football coach?
7. In what sport is the term "dribble" used?
8. What nation turns out the most hockey champions?
9. In what two games is the expression mixed-doubles used? The answers are on this page.

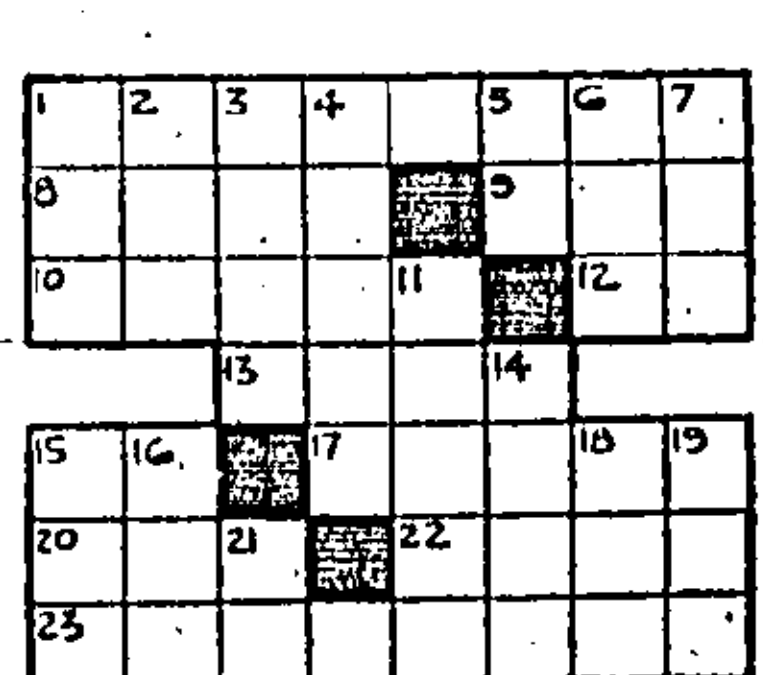
HOMONYM

Missing words in this sentence sound alike, but are spelled differently: The hunter missed the — by a —.

RIDDLES

1. Why would Otto of Bavaria have made a good stuffed seat?
2. When do husband and wife change places?
3. When is your face like soda water?
4. Why are cowardly soldiers, like butter?
5. When is cake frosting most nearly musical?

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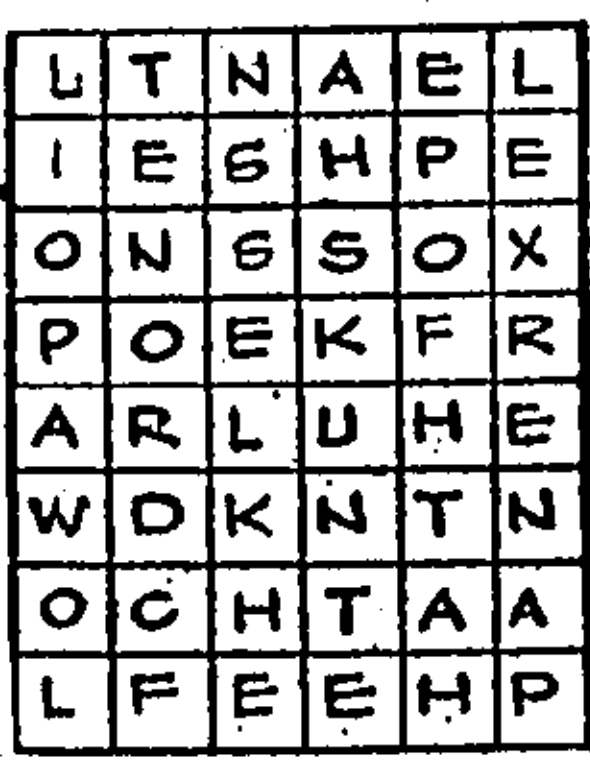
- 1 Mentally gifted
- 8 Shower
- 9 Mineral rock
- 10 Rugged mountain crest
- 12 Preposition
- 13 Selections (abbrev.)
- 15 Any
- 17 More mature
- 20 Not high
- 22 Girl's name
- 23 Church dignitaries

DOWN

- 1 Malayan coin
- 2 Swiss river
- 3 Falsehoods
- 4 Come in
- 5 Toward
- 6 Silk-worm
- 7 Lion's home
- 11 Feminine name
- 14 Petty quarrel
- 15 High peak
- 16 Companion word for neither
- 18 Before
- 19 Short-napped fabric
- 21 Us

ANIMAL SQUARE

Eight animals are concealed in our square. Find the right starting point, then read up, down, across, or backward (but never diagonally) and drive them out of their lairs:



WORD DIAMOND

The diamond centres on ORDEALS. The second word is "a limb," the third "military assistants," the fifth is "pithy," and the sixth is "crafty."



Rupert & Ting-Ling—48



Pong-Ping is very delighted, and puts his pet dragon on its lead just as Bill and Edward rather cautiously join the party again. "This is all very queer," says Bill. "What ever does it mean?" Rupert laughs happily. "It's been a jolly adventure," he says, "and it all began with that mysterious noise like an express train that we heard. If you and Edward will come to tea, I'll tell you the whole story." "Jolly good idea," says Mr. Bear heartily. "I'd like to hear it again, too."

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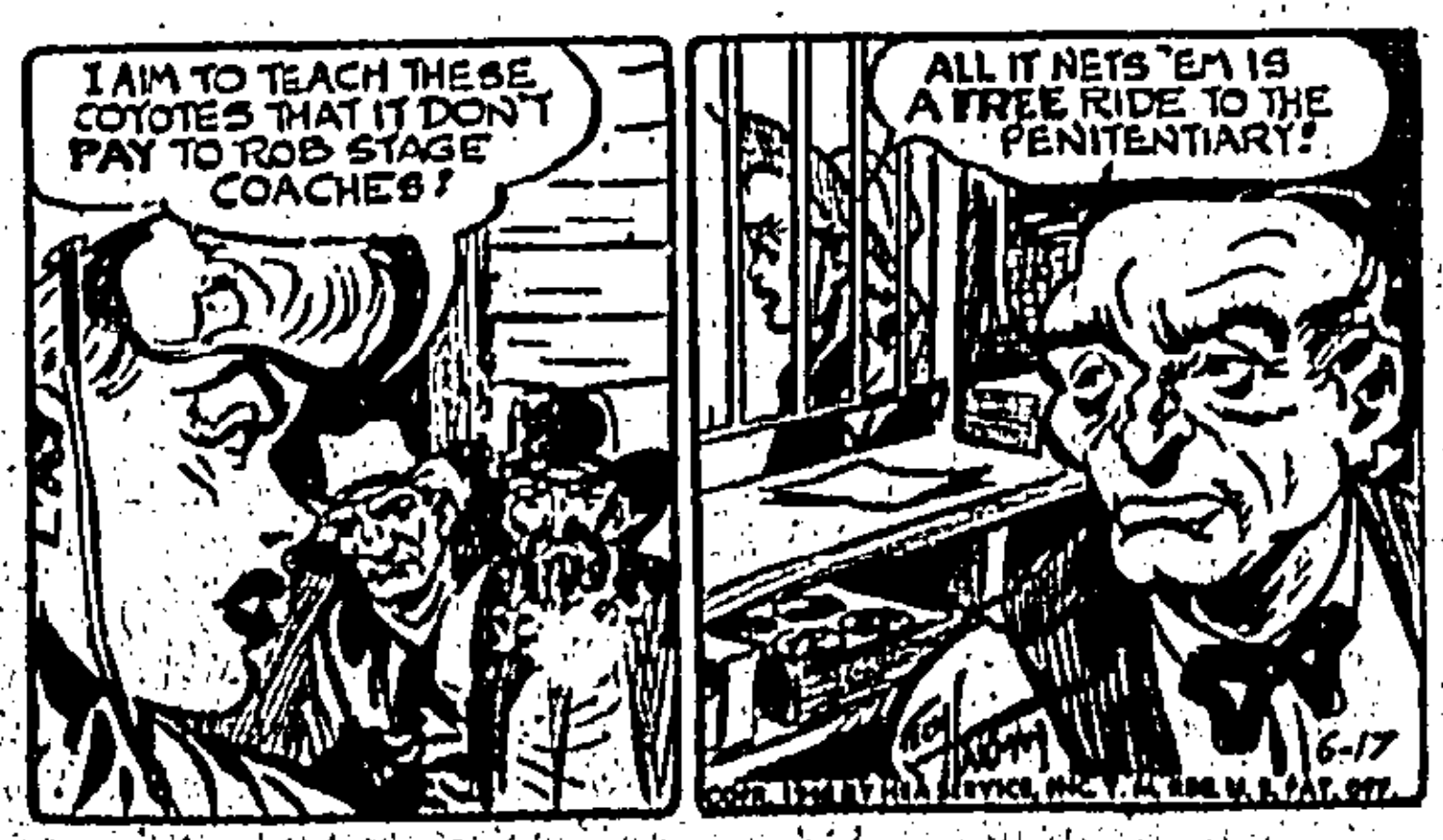
GREAT HERDS OF WALRUS ONCE INHABITED THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE. WANTON SLAUGHTER OF THESE ANIMALS, MOSTLY FOR OIL, DESTROYED THE COLONY OVER A CENTURY AGO.

RED RYDER



On the House

BY FRED HARMAN



Pong-Ping is very delighted, and puts his pet dragon on its lead just as Bill and Edward rather cautiously join the party again. "This is all very queer," says Bill. "What ever does it mean?" Rupert laughs happily. "It's been a jolly adventure," he says, "and it all began with that mysterious noise like an express train that we heard. If you and Edward will come to tea, I'll tell you the whole story." "Jolly good idea," says Mr. Bear heartily. "I'd like to hear it again, too."

THE END.
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SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY

by STELLA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

BORN today, your interests are mainly intellectual and you will have talents in science as well as in creative literature. Which profession you ultimately follow will be determined to a high degree upon your early education and training. It is the experimental phase of science which intrigues your imagination and this, of course, calls for intensified specialisation. At some point, you may be diverted from this goal, but if so, your general interest will maintain throughout your entire life.

There is considerable genius in

your make-up, and you have your share of—personal magnetism and charm. Although you attract people, you have very strong personal likes and dislikes and are inclined to show them sharply. There is little chance that you will change your opinion, either. If you like a person, you are loyal throughout life. If you don't, you have no use for that individual's company.

Your emotional nature is strong, and it is not unlikely that your marriage will result from love at first sight. Otherwise, you might never wed at all. This would be

unfortunate, since a content and happy home-life is very important to your peace of mind—and to the calibre of creative work which you may attempt to undertake. Fond of travel, you may cover a large portion of the earth's surface during your lifetime. Anticipate an unexpected gift of money in your early twenties which will be of great help in furthering your career. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BORN today, you have considerable personal courage and will fight an arduous battle against something you believe wrong or for something you consider right. You are not one to stand on ceremony when something needs doing. You take a lot of doing, sometimes, to get your interest aroused. You are broad-minded and believe in the theory "let live" as long as no one is getting hurt.

You are active and like change of scene. Select some career which will permit you to travel for you will never be content to stay in

one place indefinitely. However, you are the type who wants a home base to which you may return in comfort although you may not see it for weeks or months on end. But once you want to settle down, you want your own hearth to come to. Be sure that you wed someone who has similar ideas or there can be a great lack of harmony. Wed to someone of similar nomadic tendencies, you can find true companionship and happiness.

Underneath your apparent carefree nature, there is a strong streak of business acumen. You know

how to turn over a quick dollar and how to make one last a long, long time, once you have it! Your executive powers are excellent, too, and you have the knack of getting things done with seemingly little personal effort. Your success may appear to be "luck" to those who do not know you. Actually, initiative, and concentrated attention to a task in hand are largely responsible.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Be prepared to meet unexpected conditions with calmness and patience. Preparedness is always half the battle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—At home, be the peace-maker if irritation or misunderstandings arise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't trifles annoy your calm today. Others may be disturbed, but you can bring harmony if you are tactful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Seek spiritual guidance if perplexed, and you will find things work out for you. Keep any confidences given you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Health is important to your happiness, so guard it today. Rest and relaxation will work wonders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be diplomatic at home, and use your tact and diplomacy to settle minor differences of opinion. Control your own temper.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—If possible, get into the country for some fresh air and relaxation. You'll find Nature is an excellent restorative.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If business complications intrude upon you today, be wise and astute in settling any important problems.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—The mechanical trades appear to be highly favoured today. Make definite progress; push a project to completion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Business is active, but be on your guard against some suspicious detail which needs close attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A mediocre day which can be considerably improved by your personal energy and initiative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A day in which to regain your confidence in everything. A potential journey may bring increased business opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Practical matters with a definite, constructive outlook upon the future can be forwarded today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Those working with their hands and using construction tools: carpenters, etc., are favoured just now.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Use wisdom in dealing with others; avoid worrying over minor upsets. Calm and poise can be of great value.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Those having anything to do with the guardianship of public health are especially favoured today.

GEMINI (May 22-June 23)—New encouragement is evident. You can make better than average progress if you are optimistic and forward.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Use care if asked to put your signature to anything. Be sure you know exactly what you are signing!

Skeleton Crossword

In the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in, as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern, the top half matches the bottom half, and the two sides correspond. No you can

CLUES ACROSS

1. Might one expect this to include a punning remark? (Two words)
2. One musician in a boat
3. A famous Lockwood's window
4. No leech could adopt this formation
5. This insect is, to an extent, a little bit annoyed
6. Once more it's a three-directional word
7. A visit next door, for example, may be a touch-and-go affair (Two words)
8. Drying chamber, as found in part of the Bible
9. It's just an excuse to turn male
10. He does not have a trumpet provided for him
11. Whence young fliers may have their first flight at some height
12. Can you give a grotesque performance? I can't!
13. In this process your mark may be made for you

CLUES DOWN

1. Her O.O. turns yellow!
2. Low scholar to a certain point
3. Definitely not the sort of fans to cool one down

fill in 12 more squares at once to correspond with those given. Note that there is no 1 down. This means that the second square from the left in the second line and the corresponding square must also be black. The clue numbers in the squares are of less than three letters are not used in this puzzle.

4. Request which may make a pilot panic
5. One's after it sixty minutes later
6. Youngster used to graft
7. It appears there's some doubt as to the ship being colourful
8. Was it used in the time of Stonehenge? Jackson? (Two words)
9. It's half the battle!
10. The height of a coarbit
11. Shows little science and spirit in hunger, but
12. There's plenty to show in this game
13. Venerable character who sounds as if he could be drawn
14. Transported the Gnomes to start with

(Solution on Page 14)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

WE read that a gentleman handed his top-hat to a passer-by, took off his morning coat and wrapped it round the feet of a lady whose five petticoats had caught fire when she stepped on a lighted match.

Even in the hurly-burly of Ascot we thought the age of chivalry lingered on—but we were wrong; all this happened 50 years ago in Lombard-street, according to the paper.

Nowadays, of course, a girl in five petticoats can step on a lighted gasworks and burn till her plastic handbag starts to drip before a gentleman will hand his top-hat to a passer-by. Passers-by aren't so trustworthy as they used to be, and far too eager to rush the hat back to M...s Bros. to collect the deposit.—(Adv.)

Poem
Pam caught alight inside the Royal Enclosure,
Without her petticoats—died of exposure.
Sir Alfred sighed regretfully as she burned:
"I doubt," he said, "I should have had my hat returned."

Heading
THE ENDERBY LADY
BOWLERS SUSPENDED

WE are not surprised; we have always thought of Lady Bowlers as being the pin-up girls of the sports world.

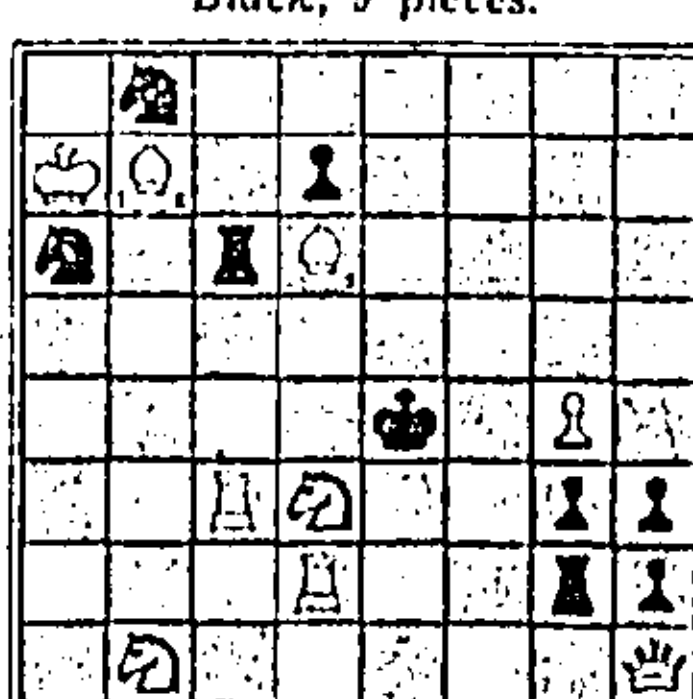
Soup gets in your eyes
Only one soup gives your skin this exciting bouquet, these lingering fragrances that seem to whisper... Romance.—(Adv.)



EITHER there is a lingering, heady and exciting fragrance of moonlight and beef cubes that seems to muller... Oxtail. Or maybe we smell a printer's error.

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. H. BARRON
Black, 9 pieces.



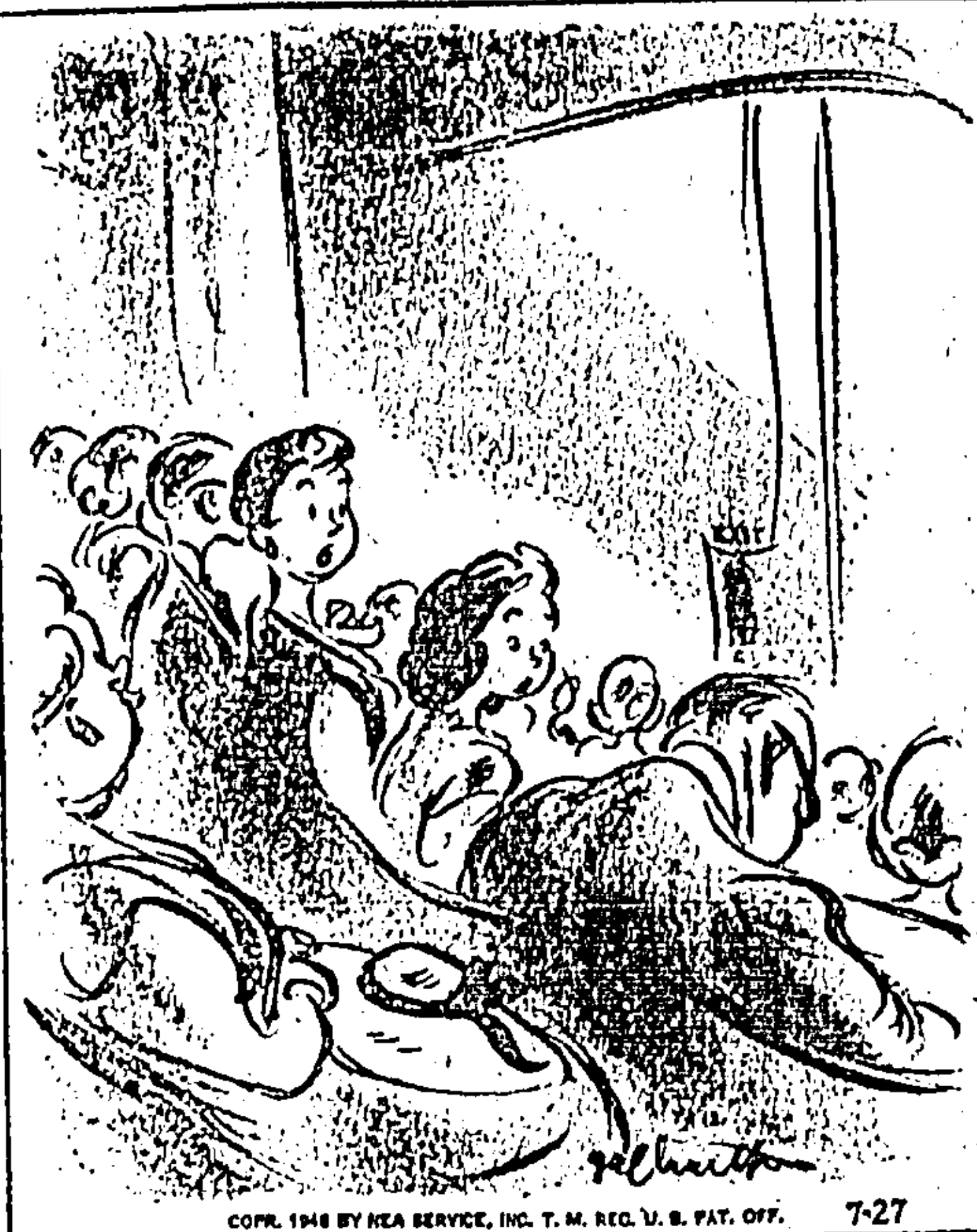
White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-K5, any; 2. Q. Kt. or B. (dis ch) mates.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Let him sleep! If we wake him now, he might point out that this is a terrible picture, and I want to enjoy it!"

WEEK-END QUIZ

1. If you have a bulmy you have (a) a spot on your face, (b) an unnatural hunger, (c) a pet porcupine, (d) a flair for answering questions?
2. If you are wanting in self-confidence, you are (a) polemic, (b) diffident, (c) esoteric?
3. How many times is the earth heavier than the moon—eight, 81, 800?
4. Who wrote "Alice in Wonderland"?
5. A line drawn from the centre to the circumference of a circle is known as the—?
6. In baseball terminology, what is a southpaw?
7. What is the title of the ruler of Hyderabad?
8. Oona O'Neill, daughter of the American dramatist, Eugene O'Neill, is the wife of—?
9. What is the difference between burns and scalds?
10. Succolash is (a) a long Turkish robe, (b) a dish of beans and corn, (c) a sweet pastry, (d) a bitter vegetable?

(Answers on Page 14)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Squeeze Play Wins
Slam in No Trump

Sanford		K 1074	
♠ A Q 5 3	♥ A 10 4	♦ K Q 9 6	♣ 3 2
♠ J 8 5 2	♥ 7 5 4	♦ 10 2	♣ 5
♠ 6 4 3 2	♥ 6 4 3 2	♦ Dealer	♣ 5
N		E	
W		S	
Declarer		Defender	
♠ 6		♥ J 8 7	
♠ A 9		♥ A K J 9 7 6	
♠ Rubber—E-W vul.		♠ 10	
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 N.T.	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 N.T.	Pass
Opening—♥ K		10	

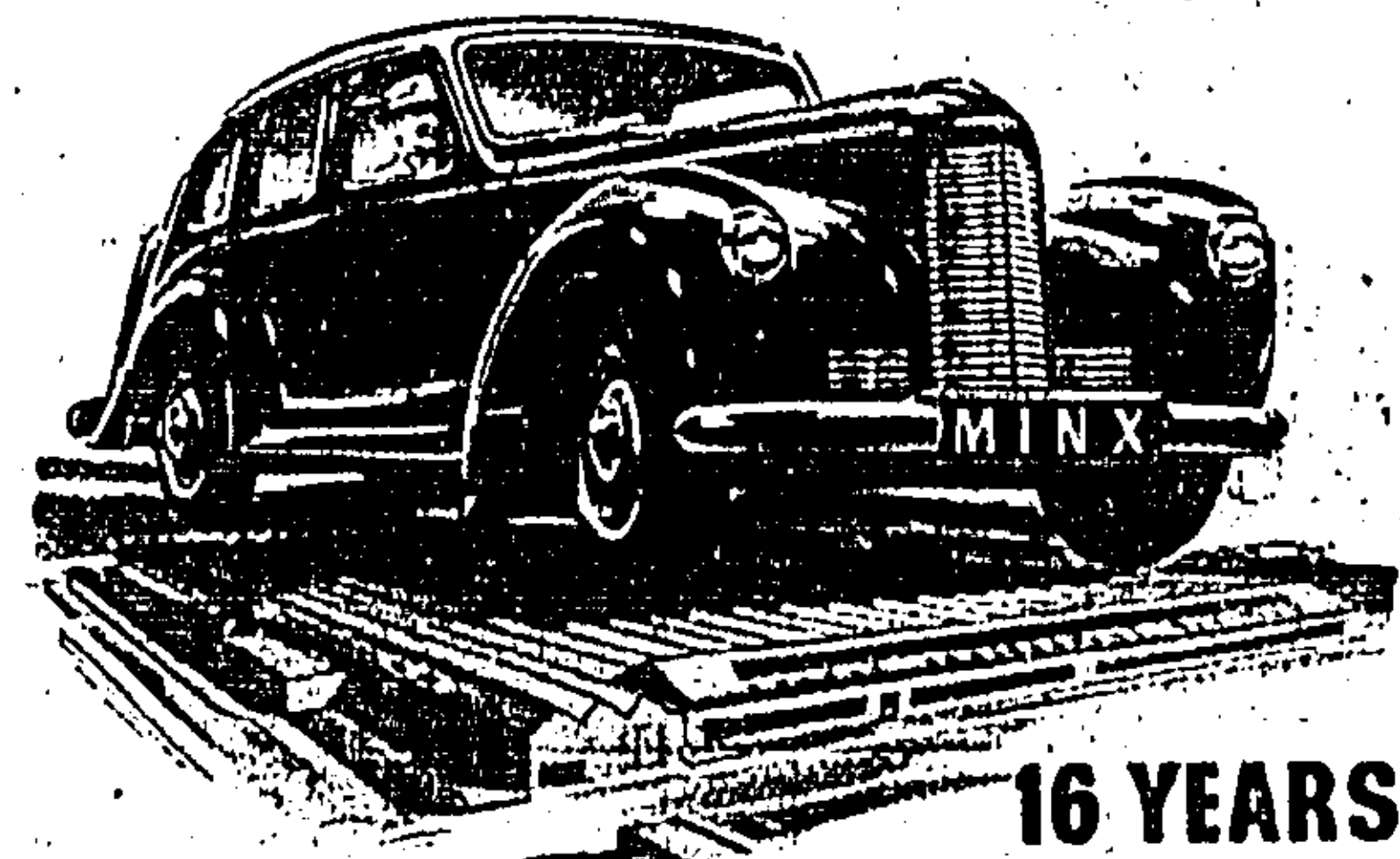
BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

SO many businessmen play tournament bridge today that it is not unusual to walk into a store or office and find an argument going on over the last evening's hands. Jon Sanford, who is associated with a haberdashery firm on New York's Fifth Avenue, is very popular among tournament players. When the boys drop in to buy a new tie or shirt, they naturally get into a discussion of hands.

In connection with today's hand, Sanford justified his seven no trump bid by saying, "It was the last hand of the game, and I knew I had to get all the points to win." However, at rubber bridge I do not think he was too optimistic.

East made the natural opening of the king of hearts. If the queen of hearts had been opened, Sanford thinks he would have been on the spot. But when he saw the king of hearts, he felt sure he was going to make the contract. He did not think that East, who was a very conservative player, would have made a vulnerable overcall of even one heart without at least the king-queen of hearts and king of spades.

Sanford won the king of hearts, then laid down four diamond tricks and six club tricks. This left him with the ace and queen of spades, and in dummy the six of spades and jack of hearts. Reasoning that East was down to the blank king of spades and king of hearts, Sanford led dummy's spade, went up with the ace, caught the king, and the queen of spades was good for the 13th trick.

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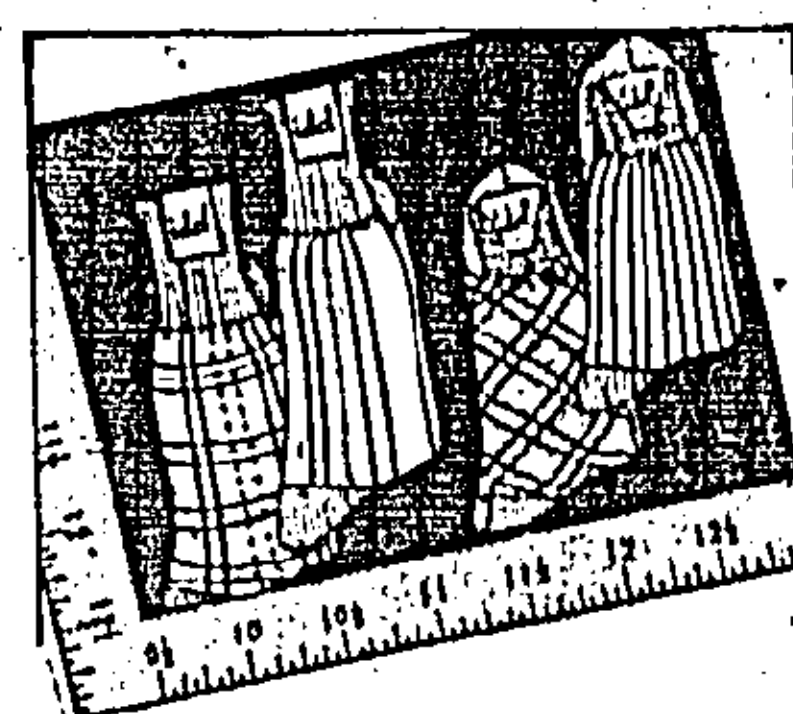
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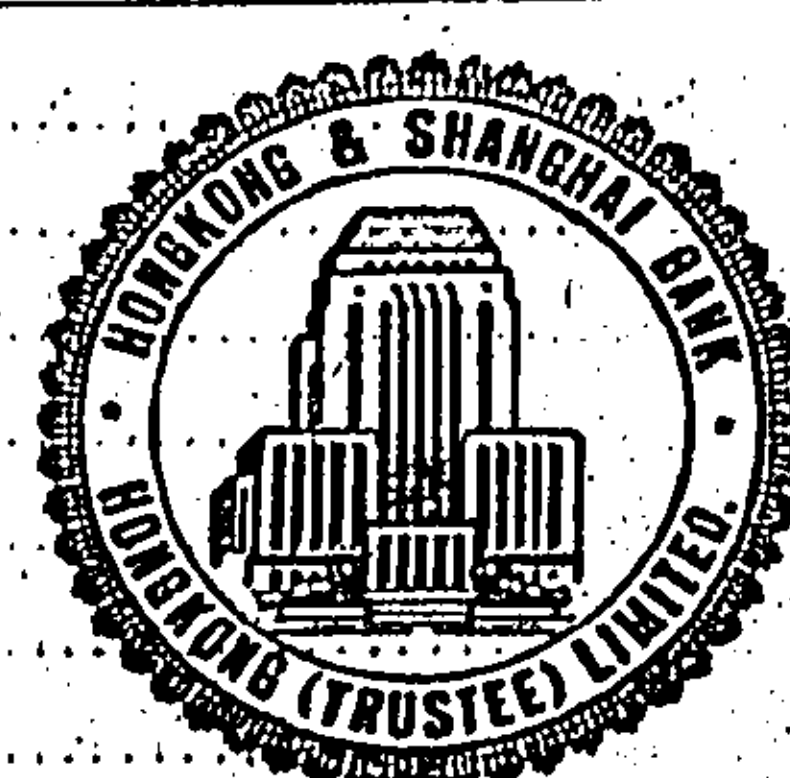
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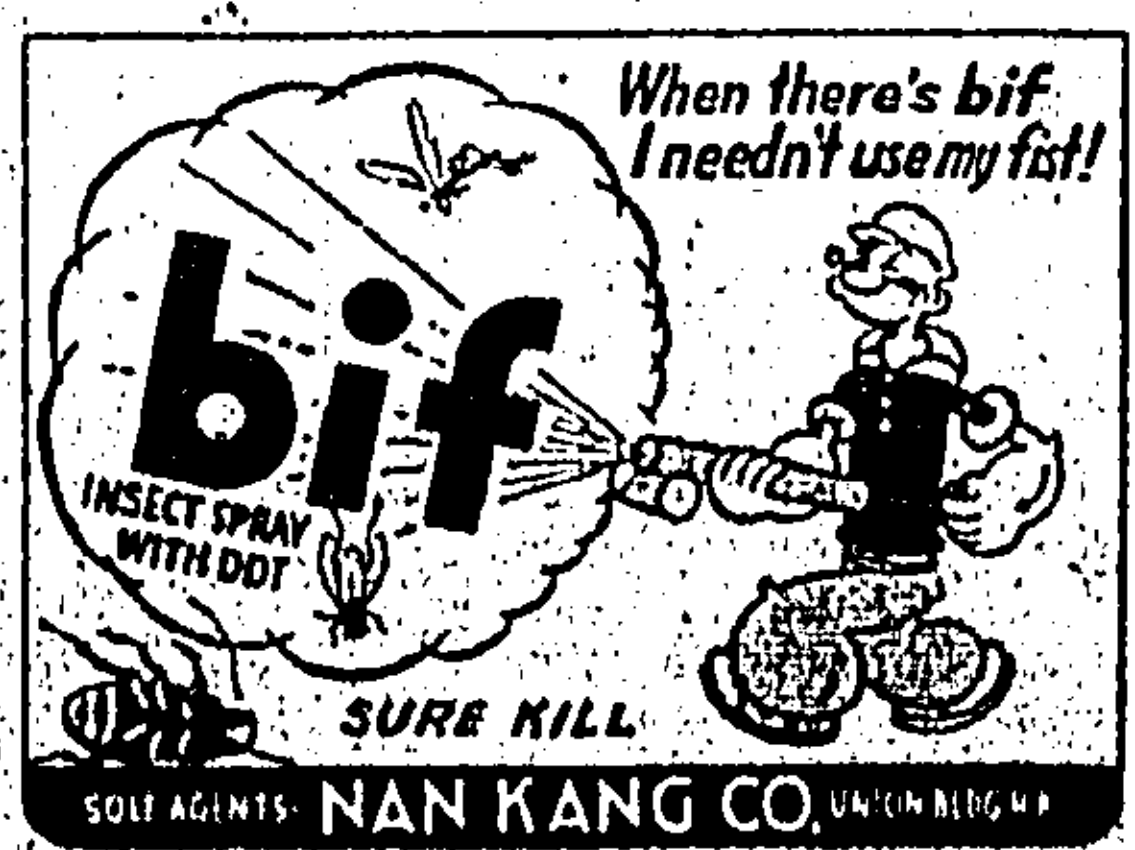
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